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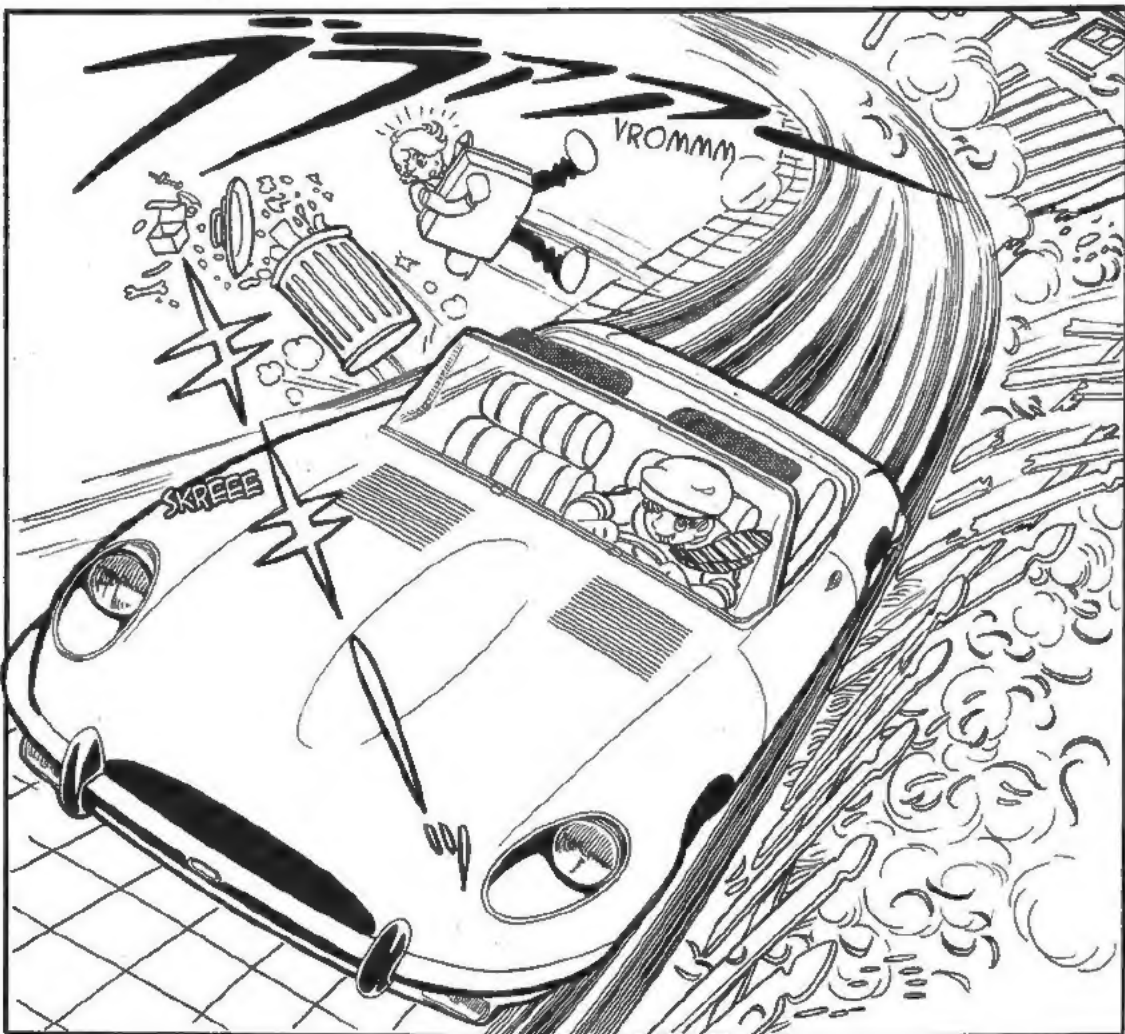


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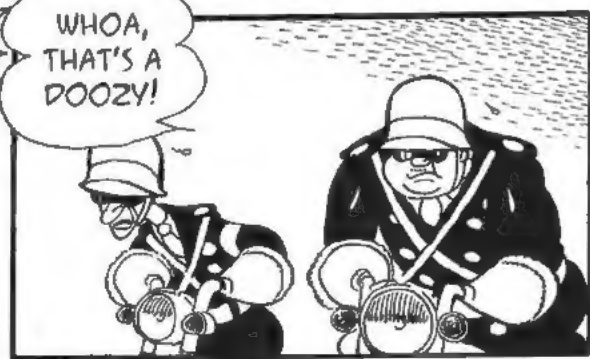
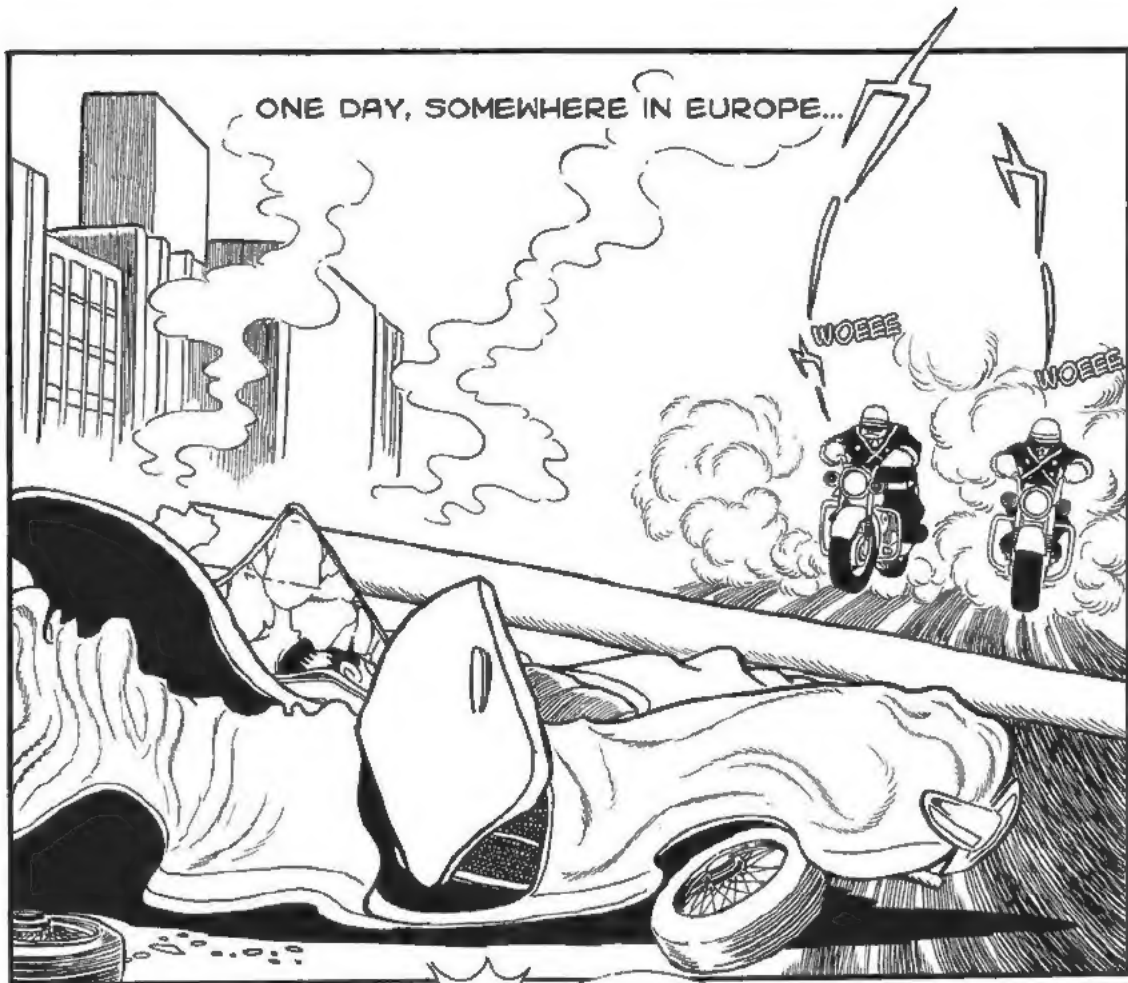
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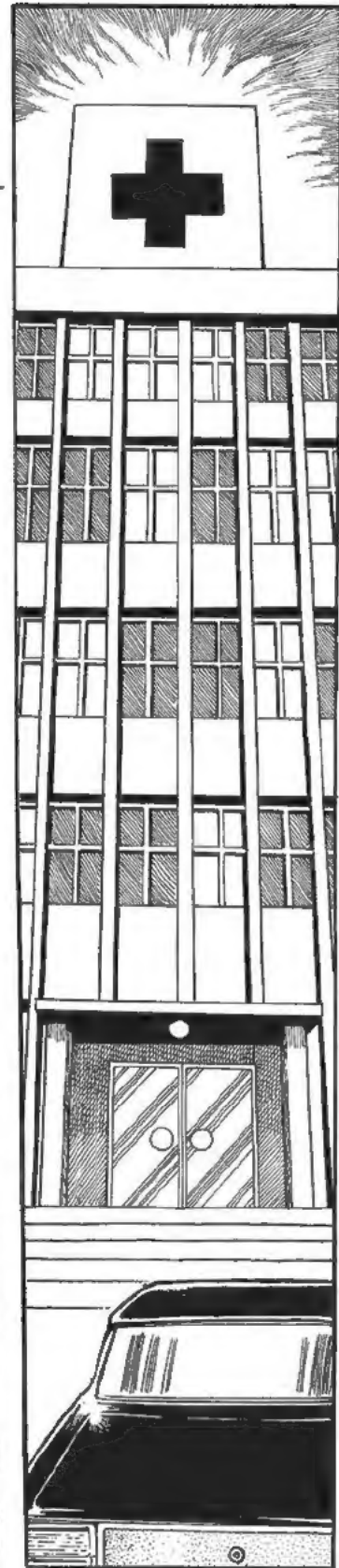
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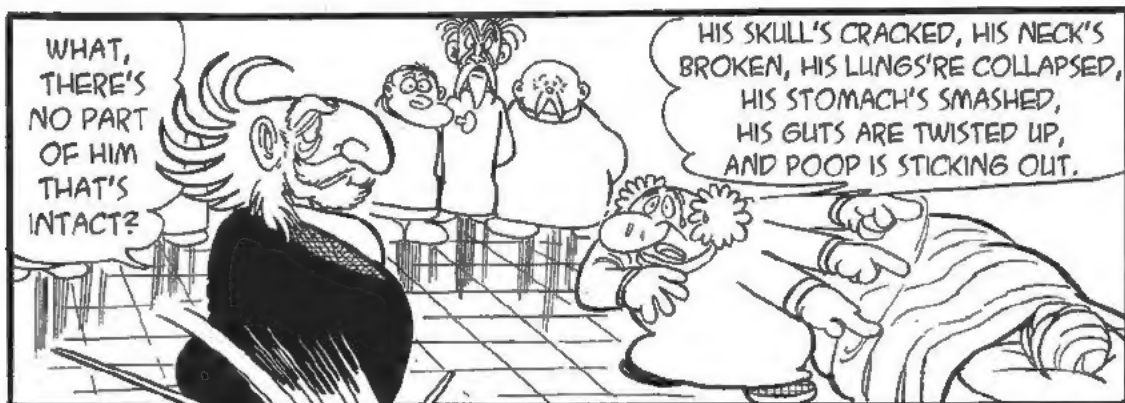


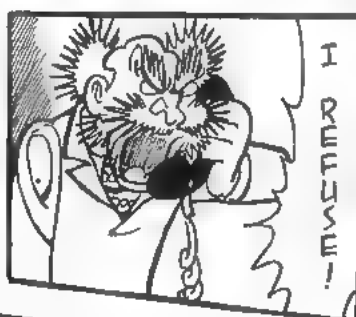
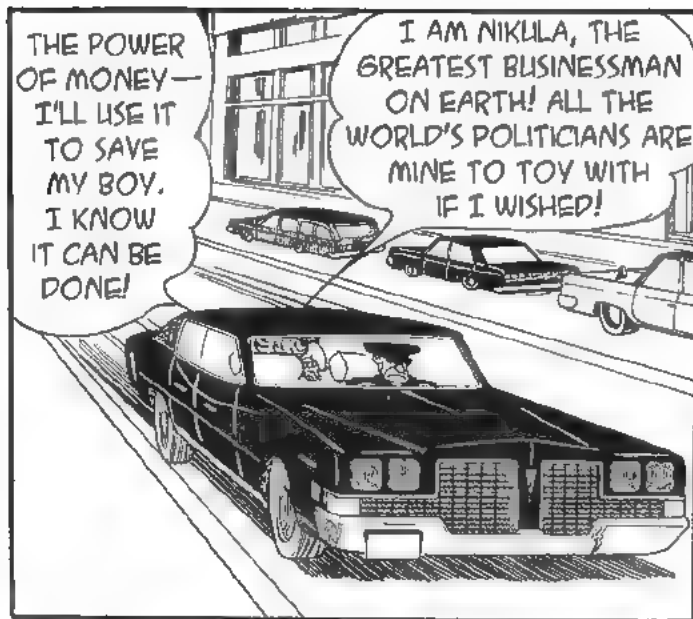


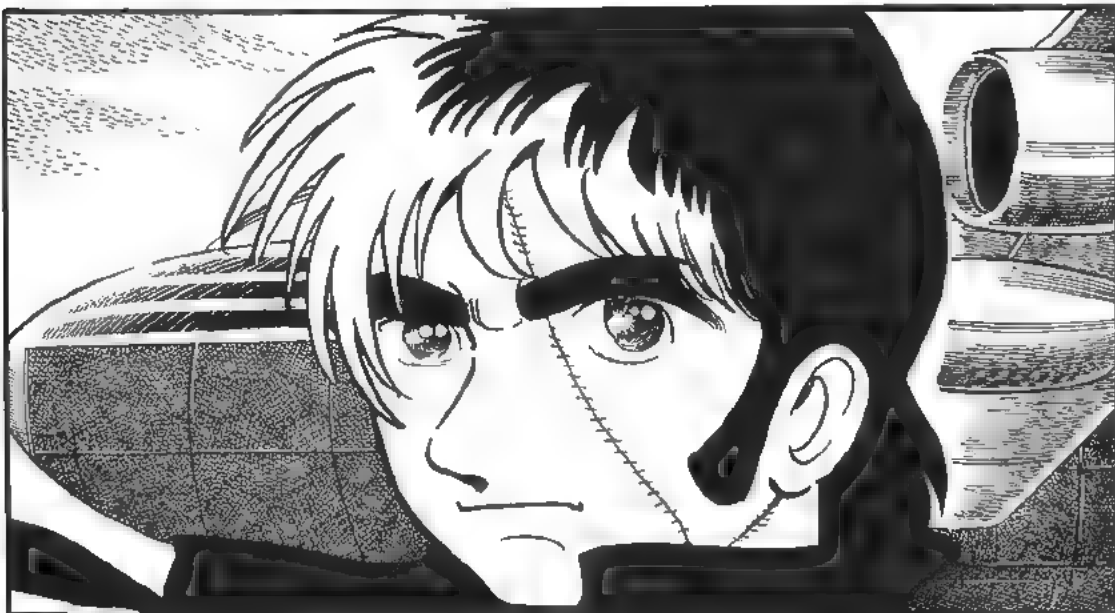
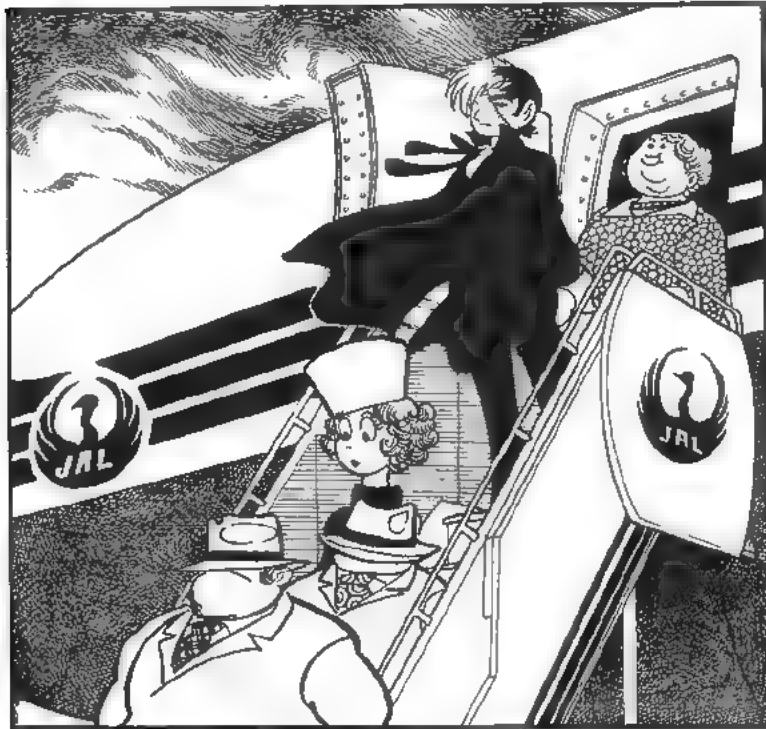
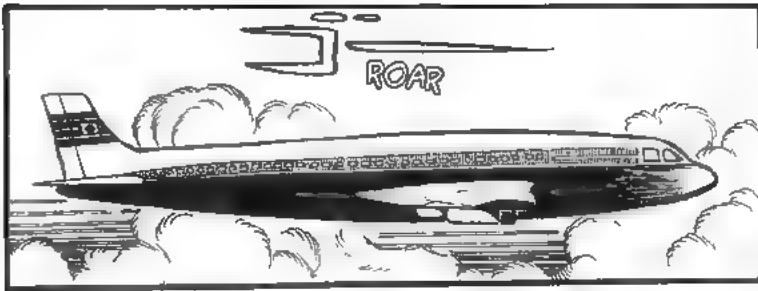
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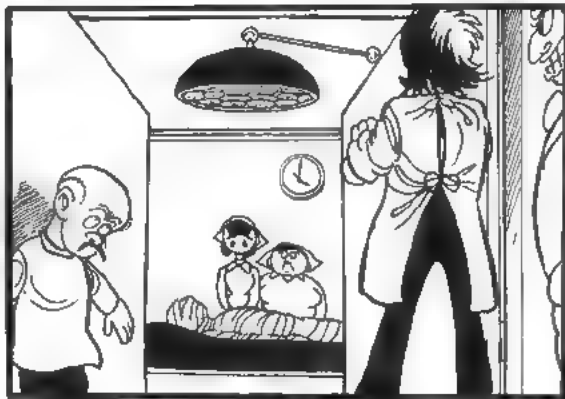


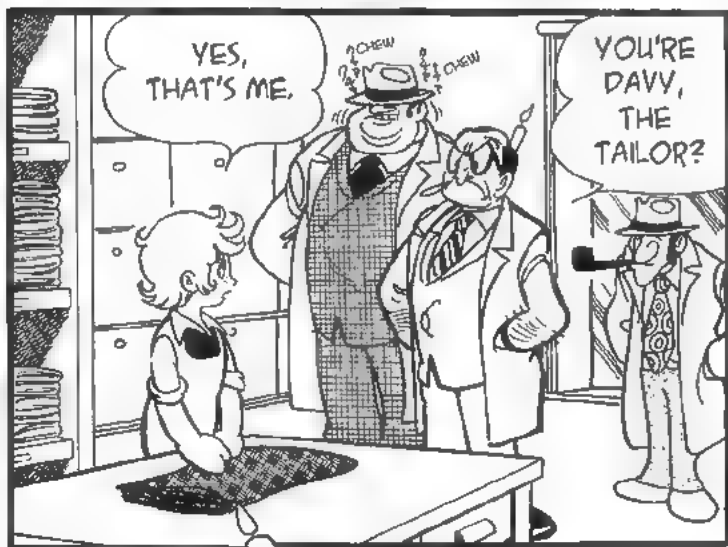
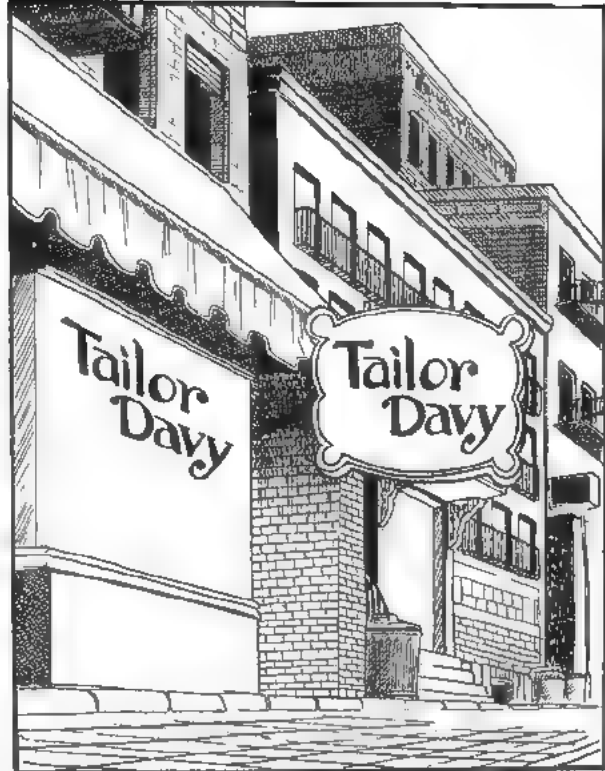
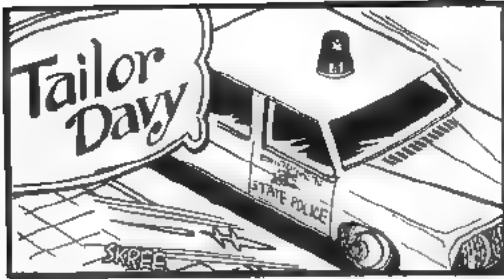


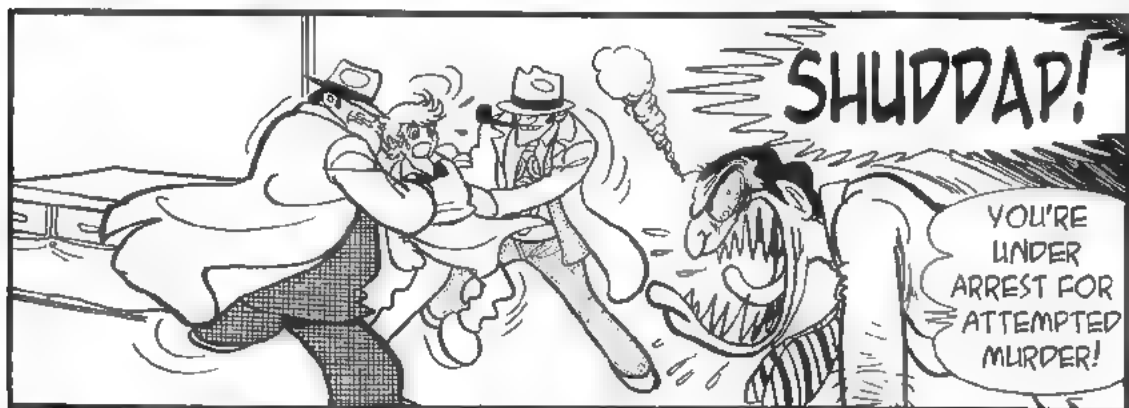


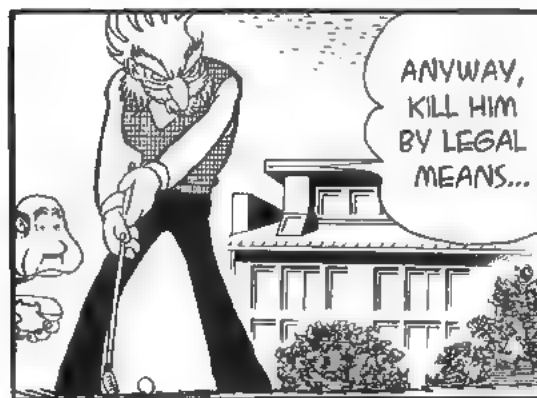
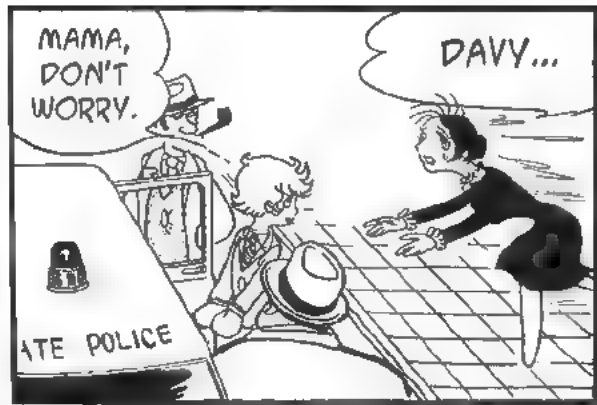


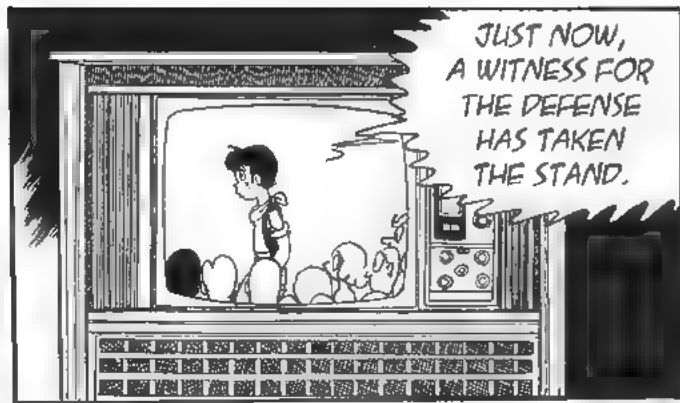


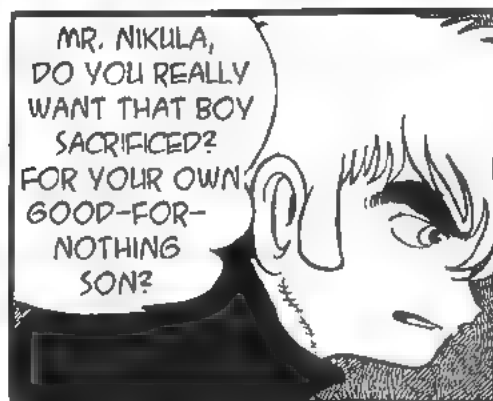


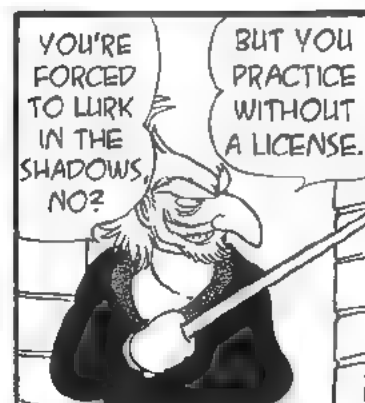






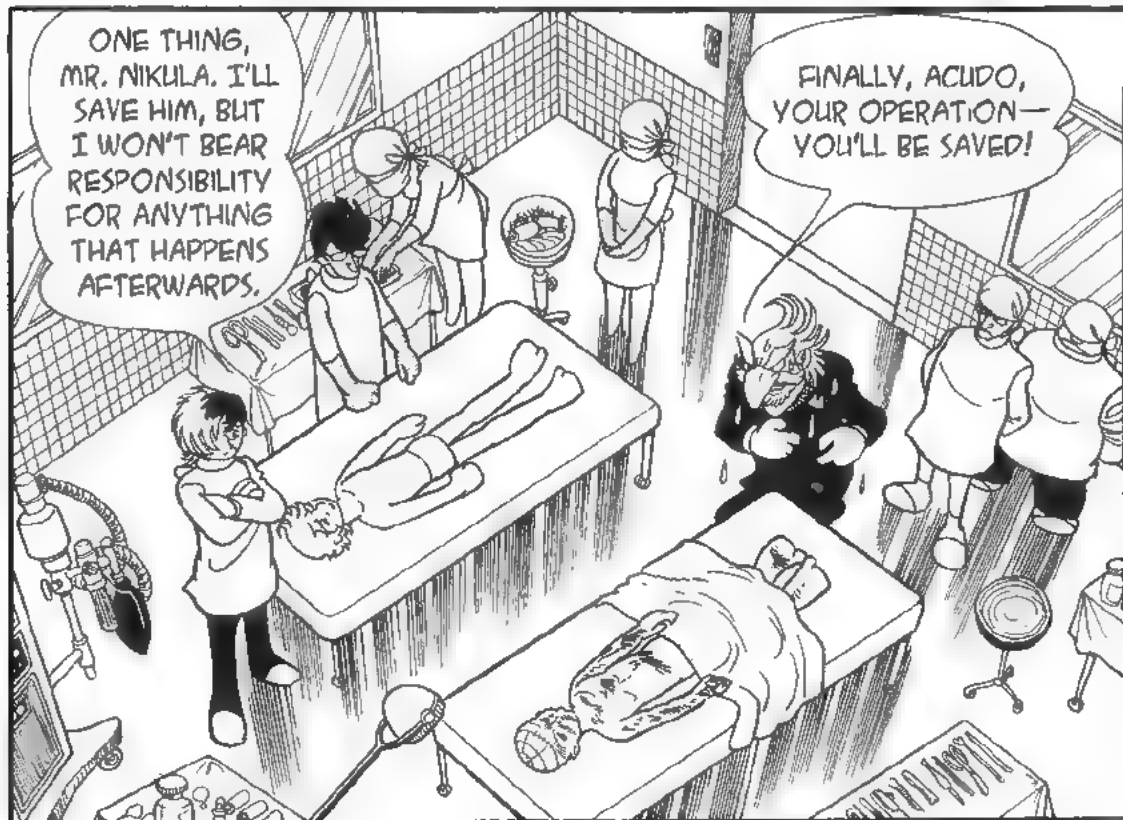


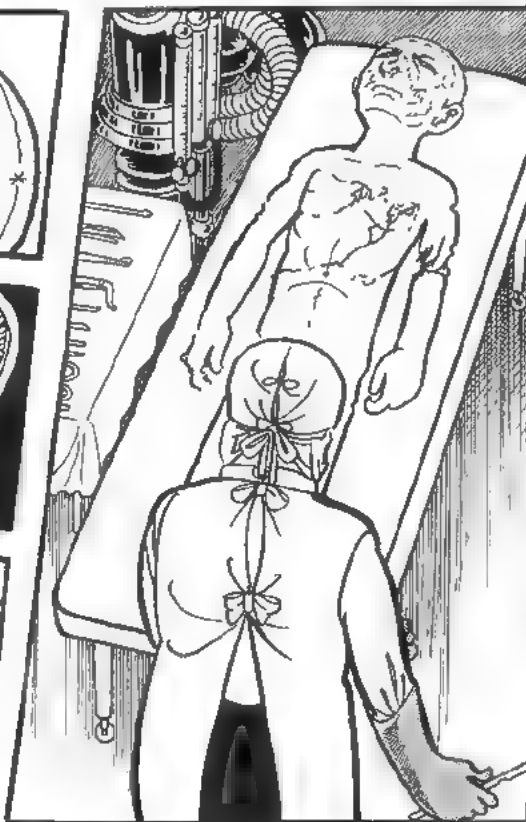
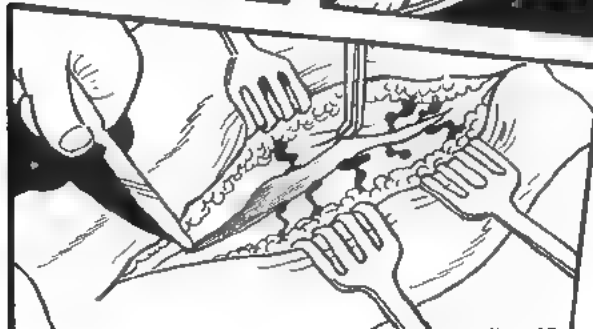
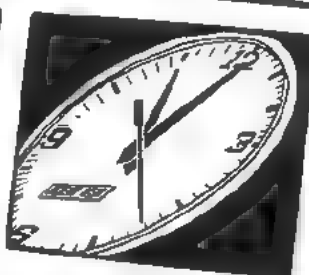
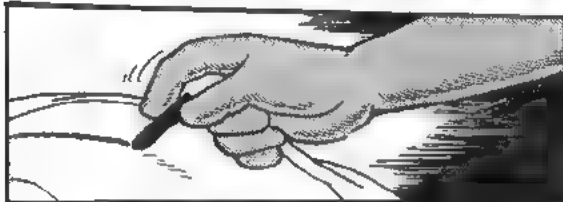
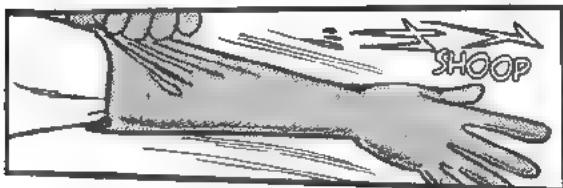


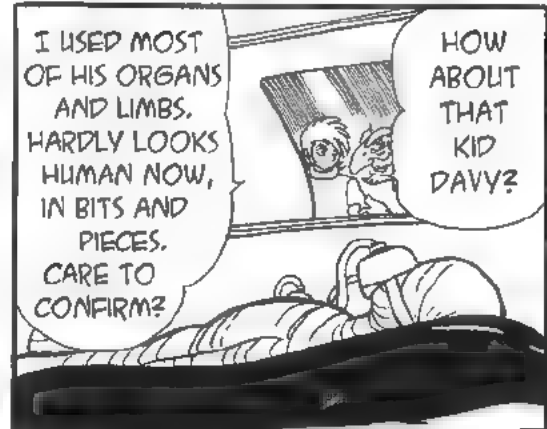
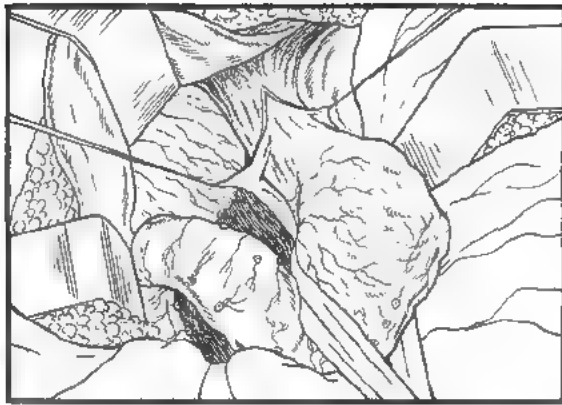


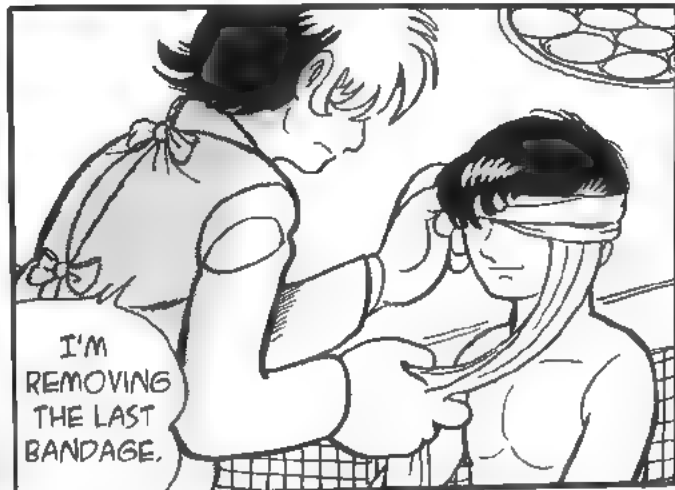


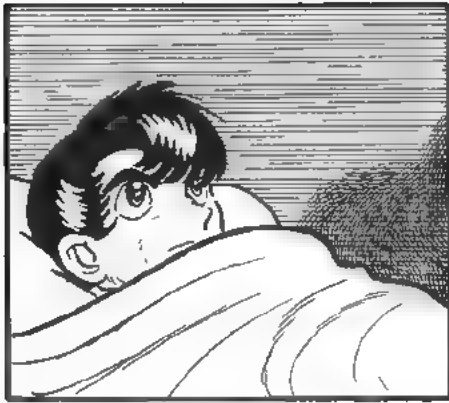


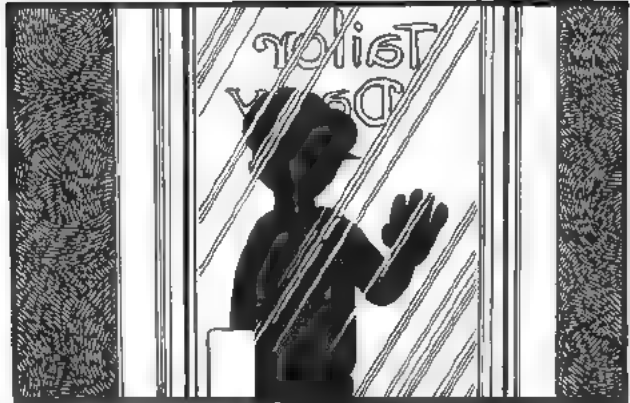


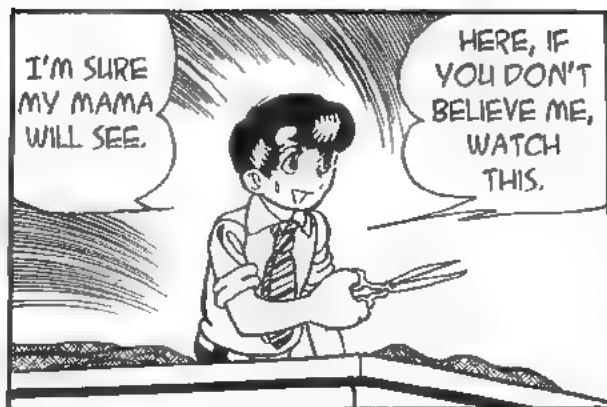
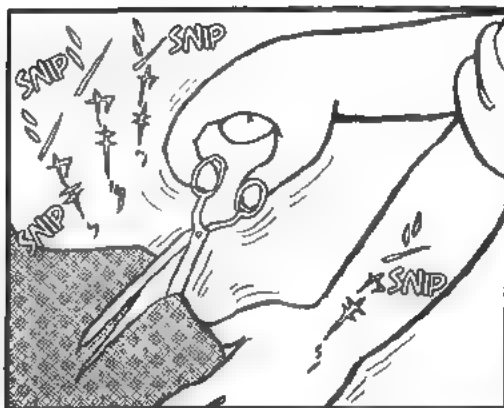




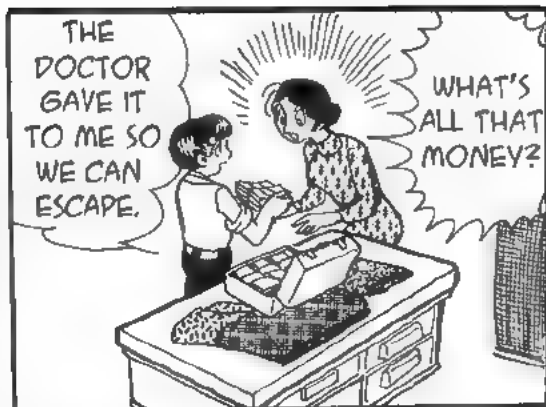
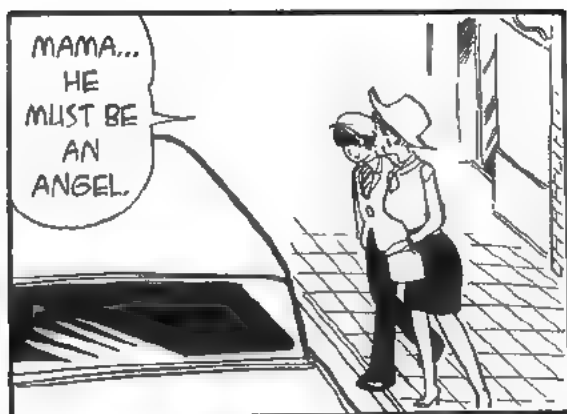






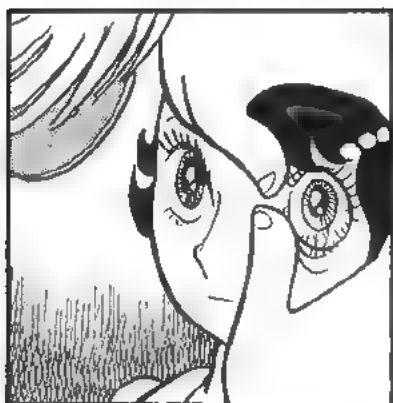




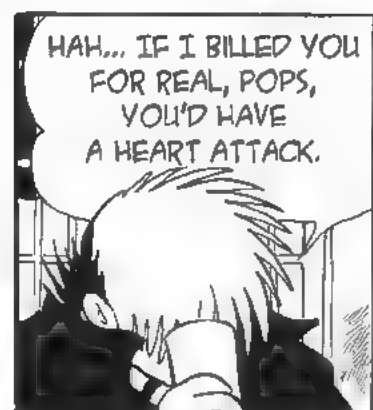
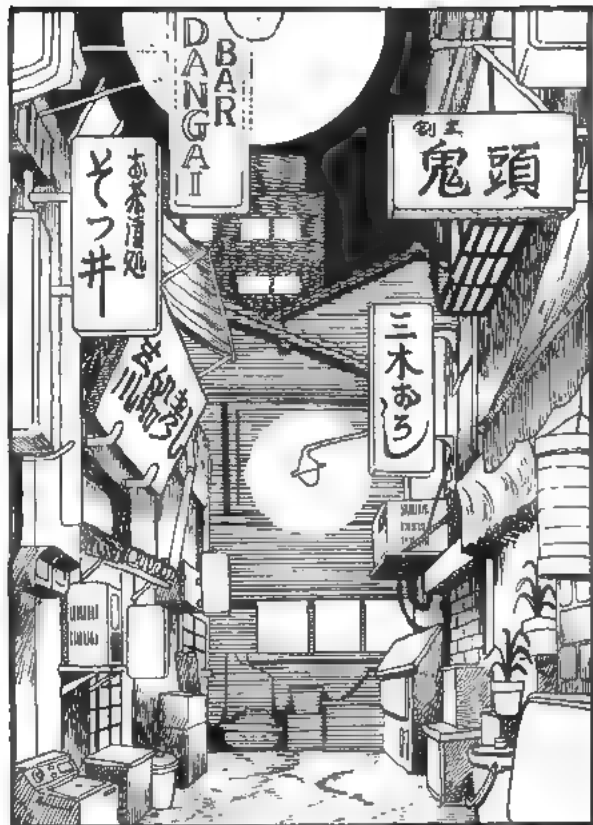
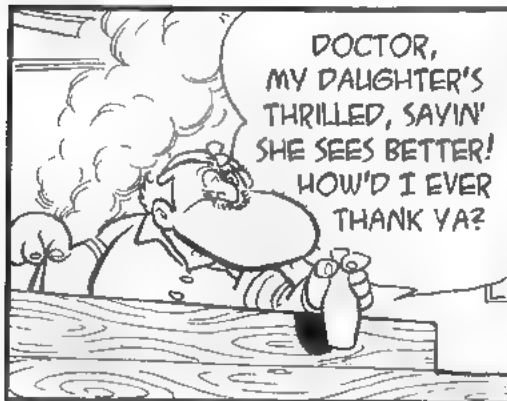


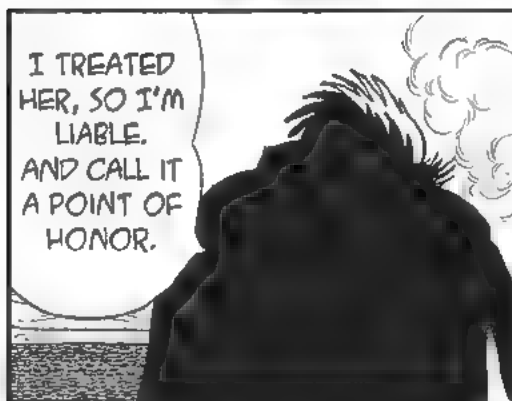


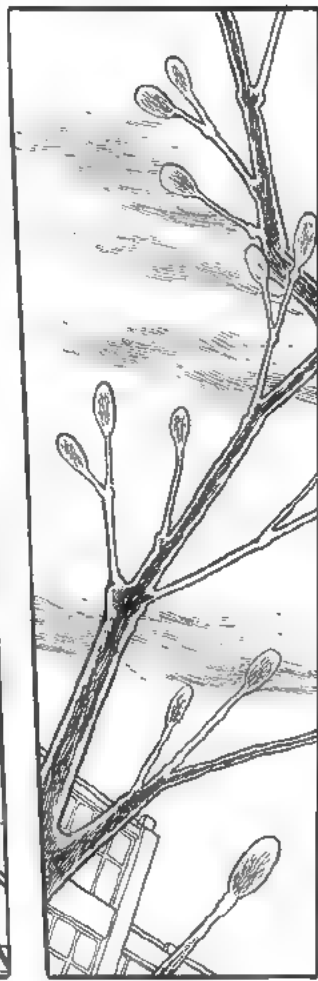
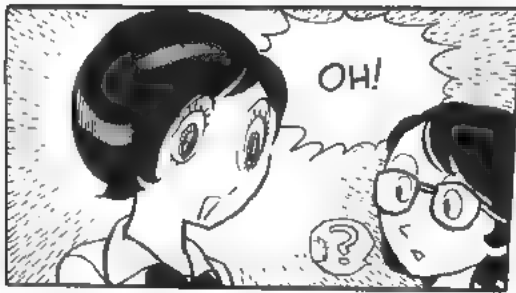
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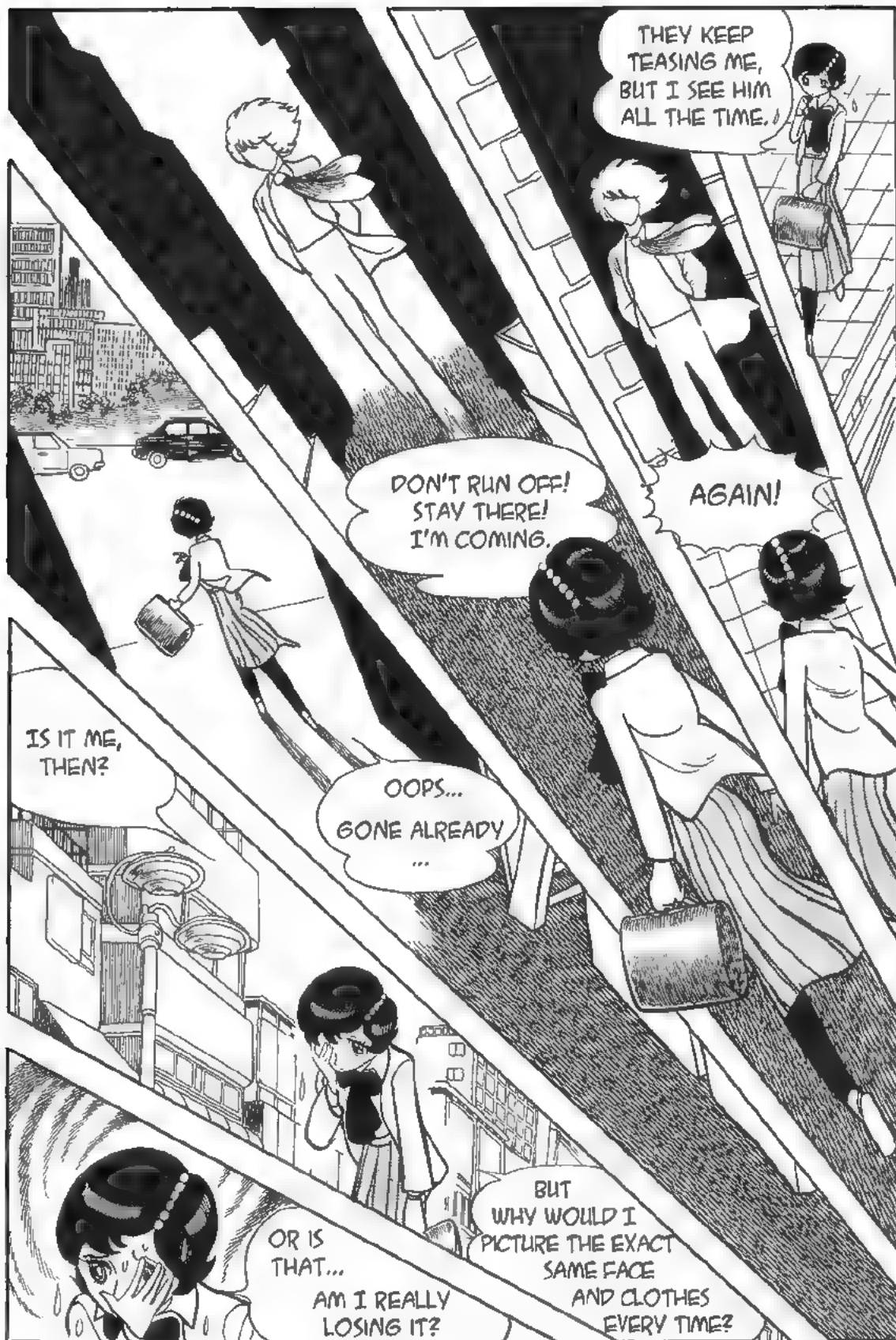






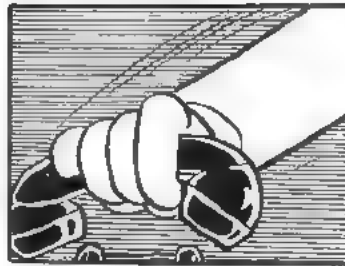


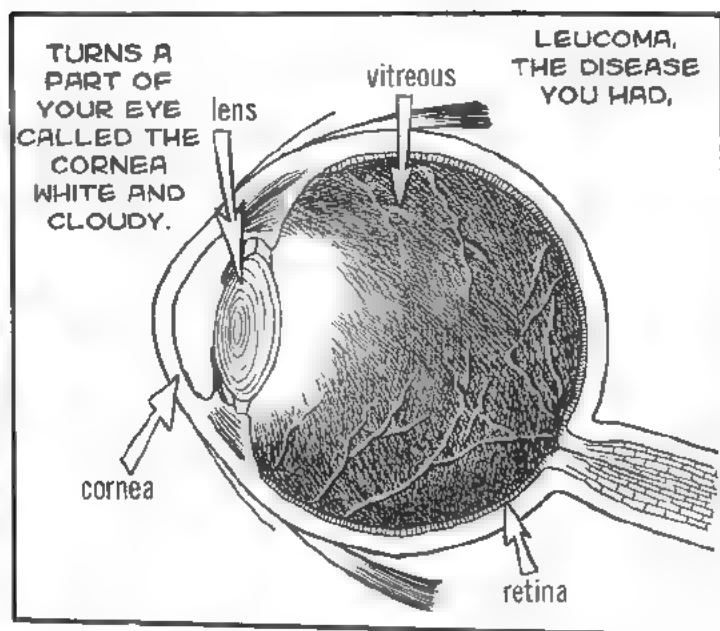
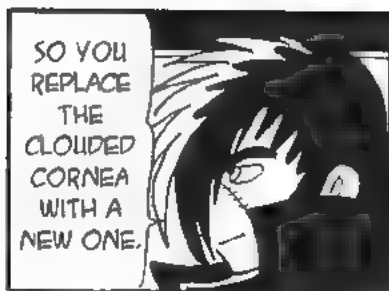


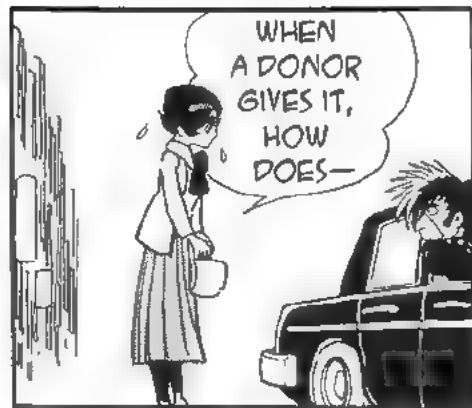
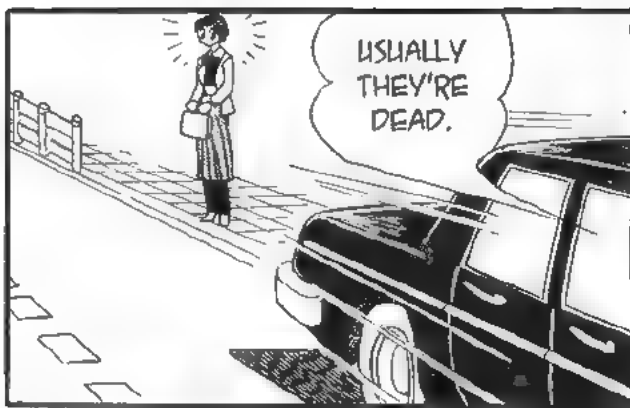


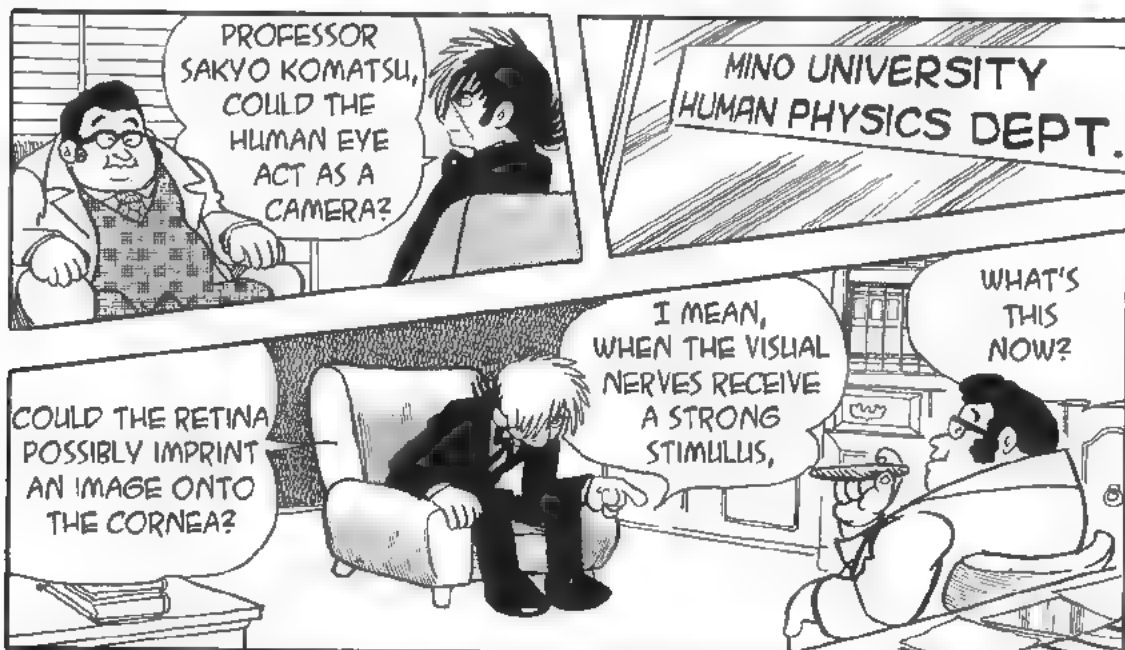




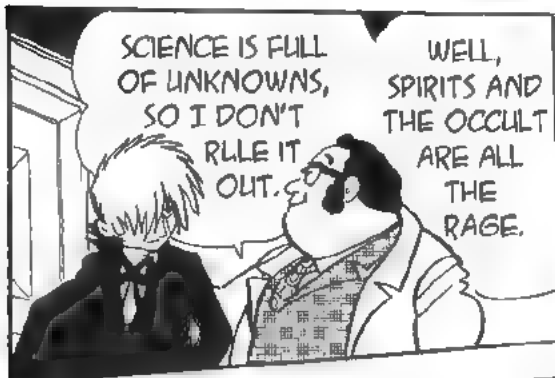




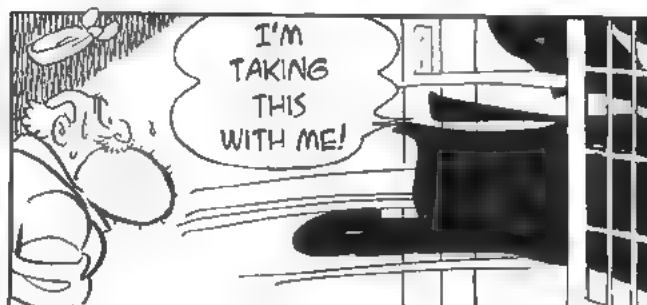




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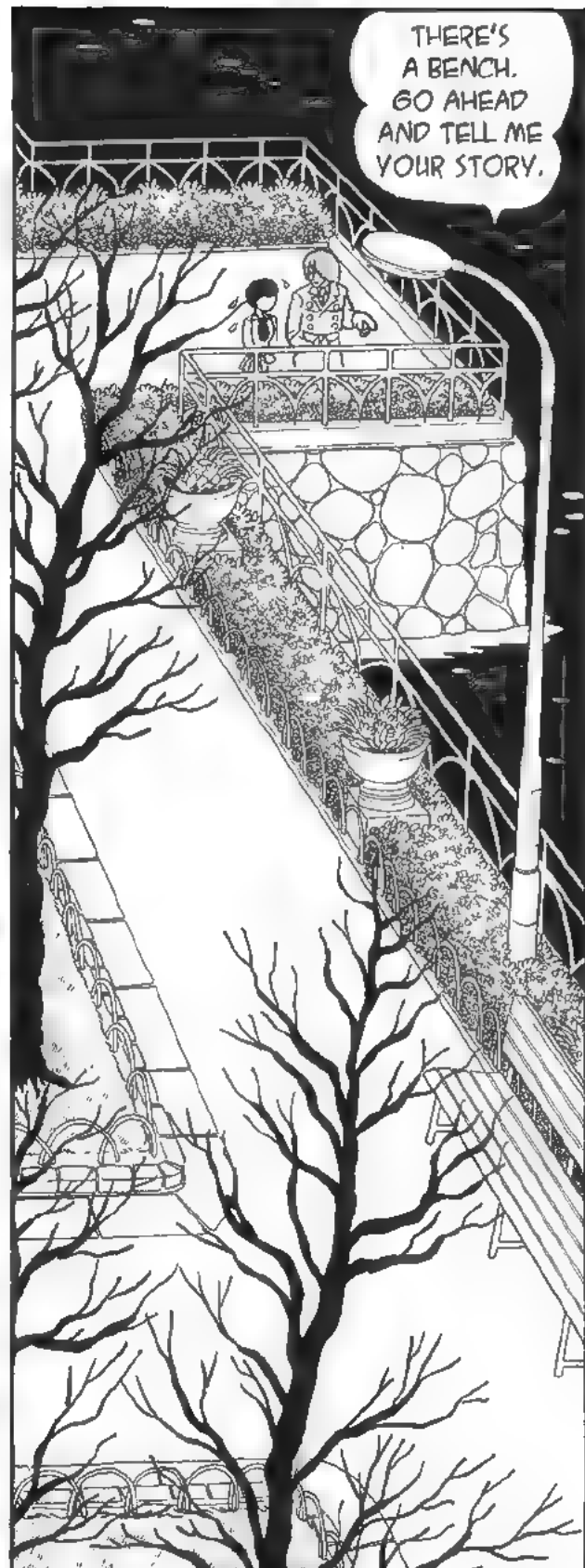
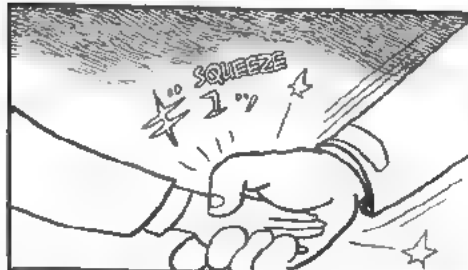
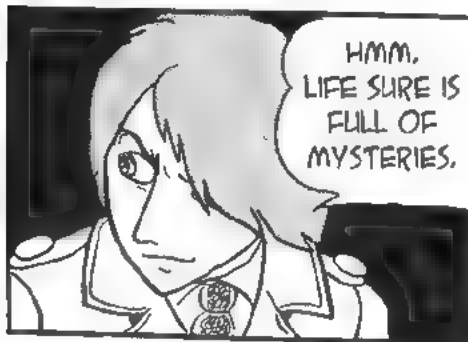
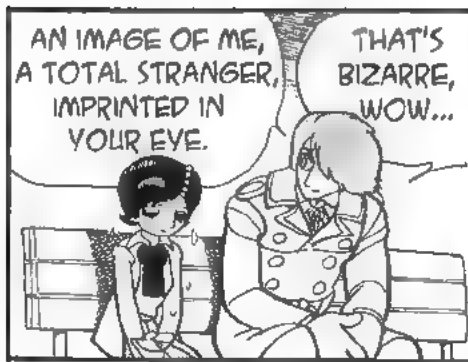


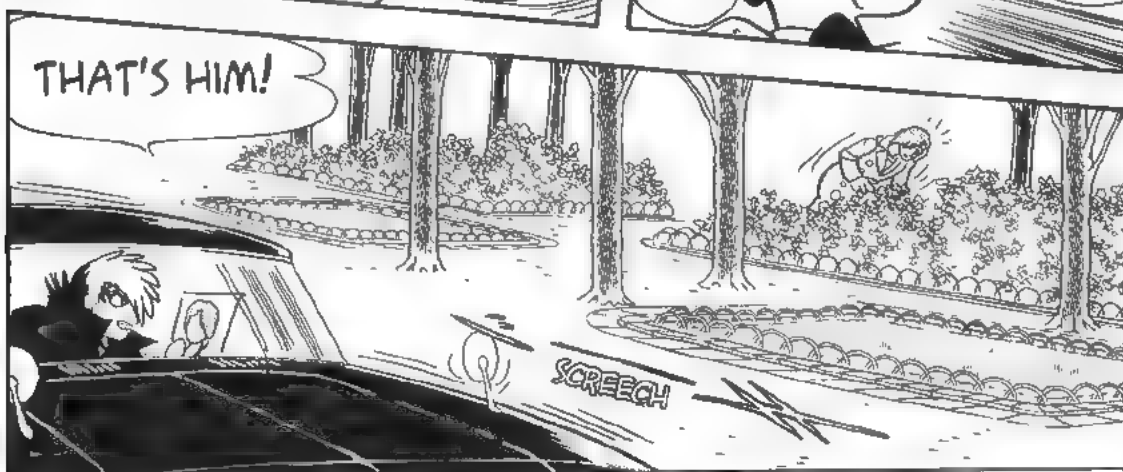
















THE DEAD WOMAN'S EYE LIVED ON IN YOU,



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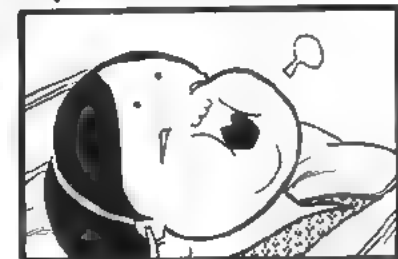
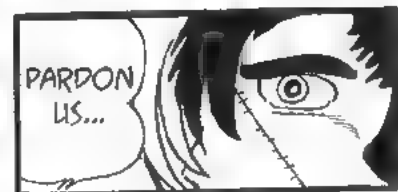


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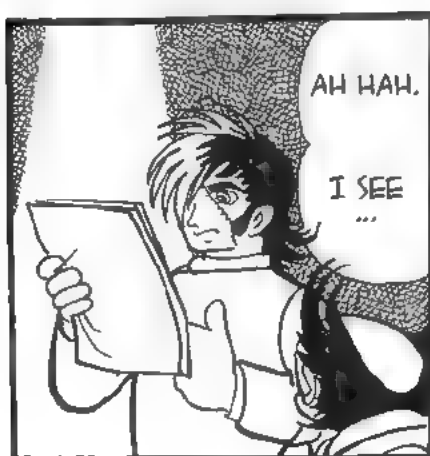
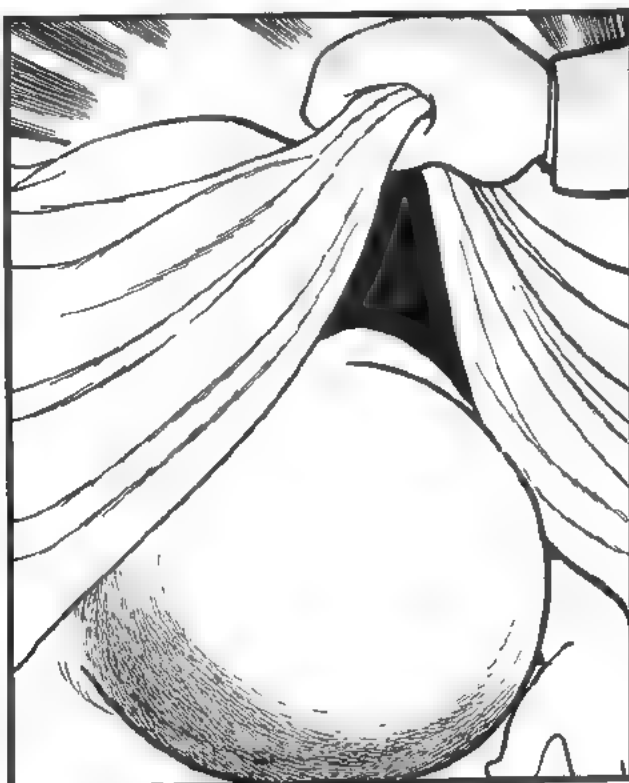


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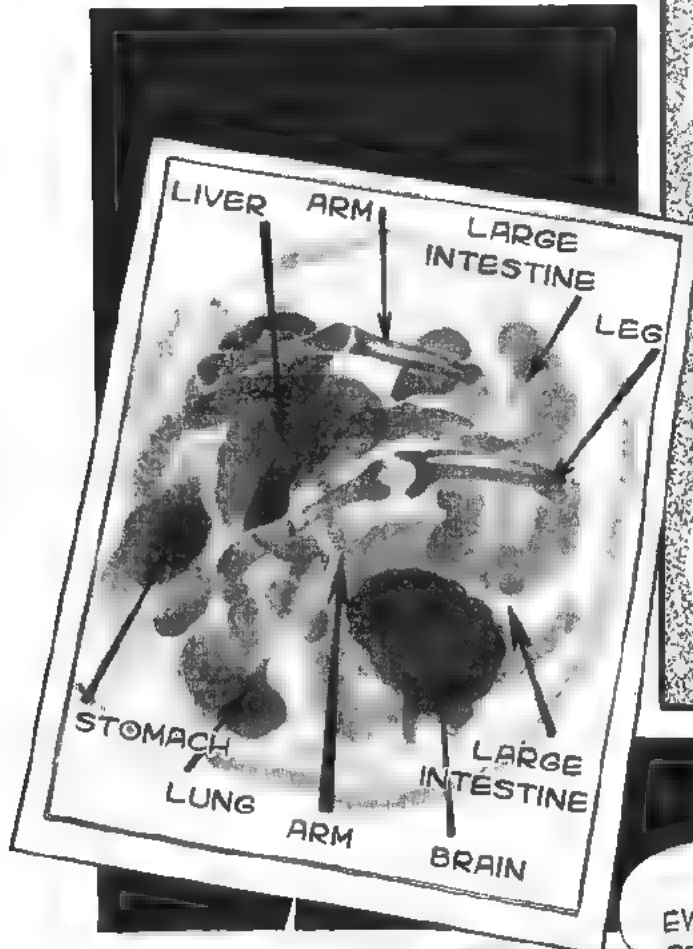
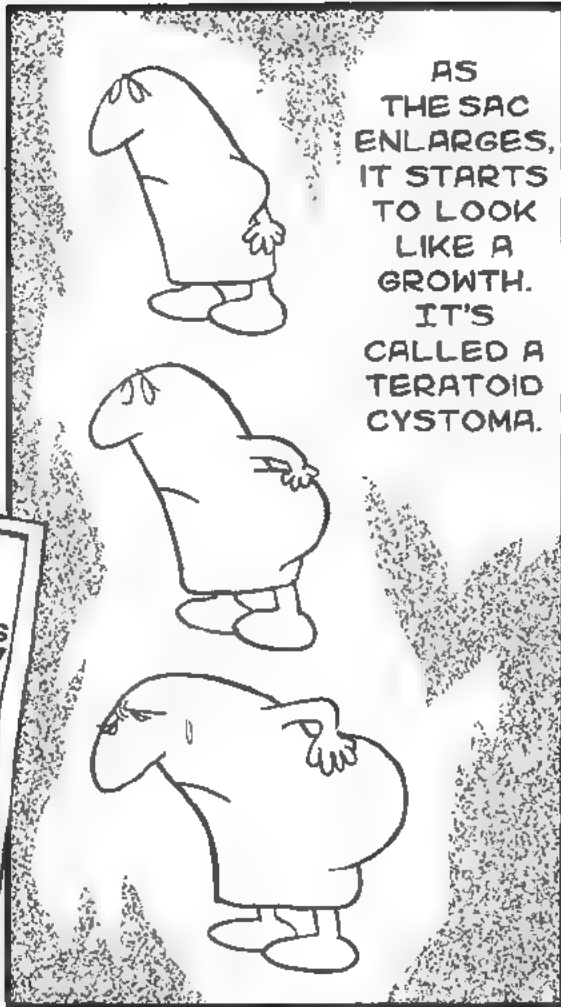
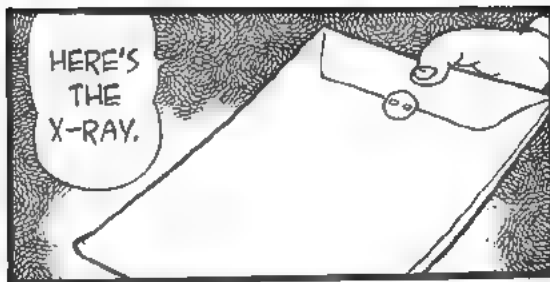
AS THE  
BABY GROWS,  
THE UNFORMED  
TWIN DEVELOPS  
TOGETHER.  
IT MIGHT BE  
AN EYEBALL,  
HAIR, AN ARM  
AND A LEG.

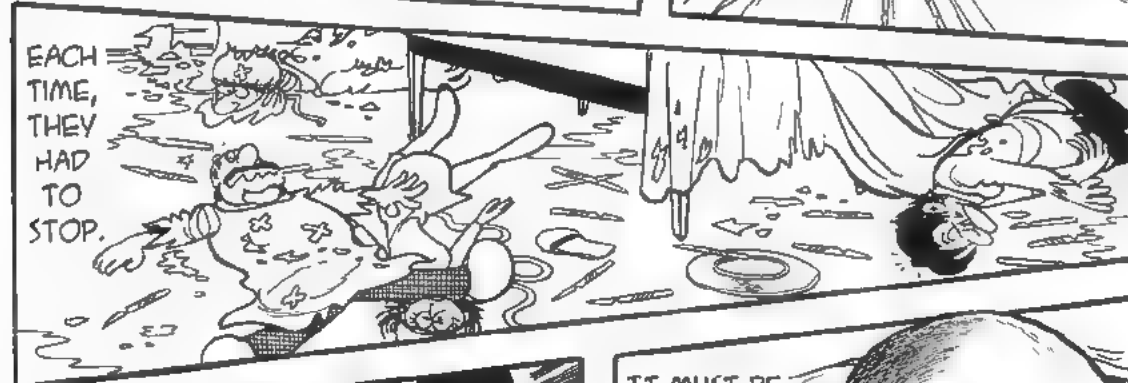
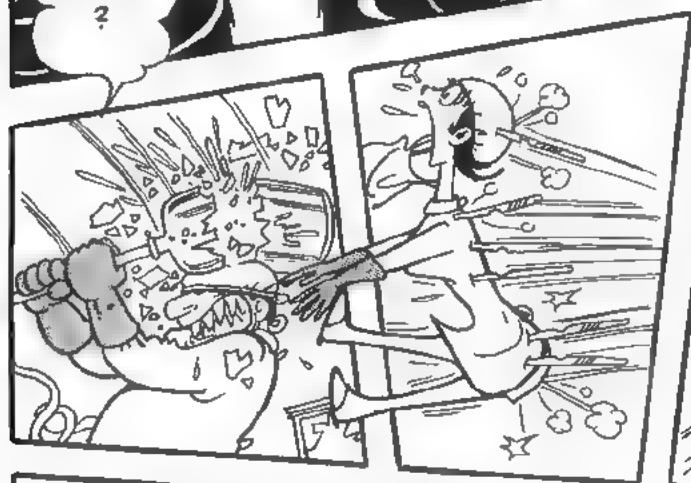
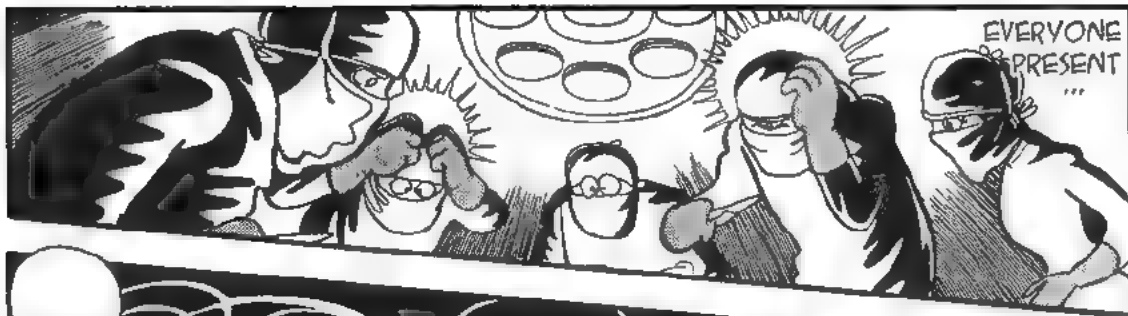


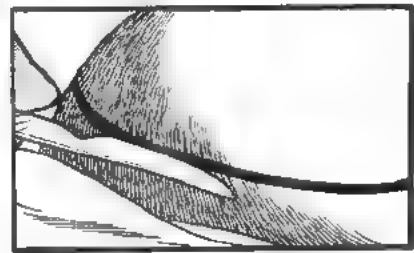
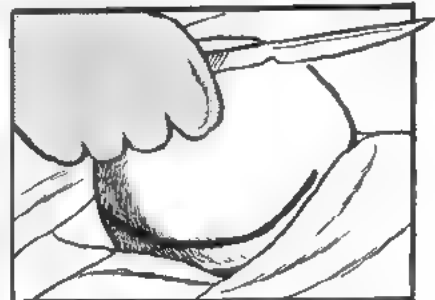
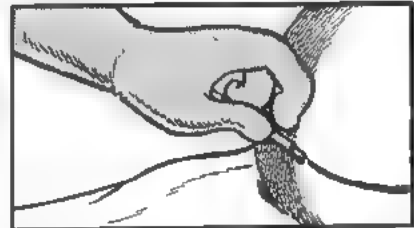
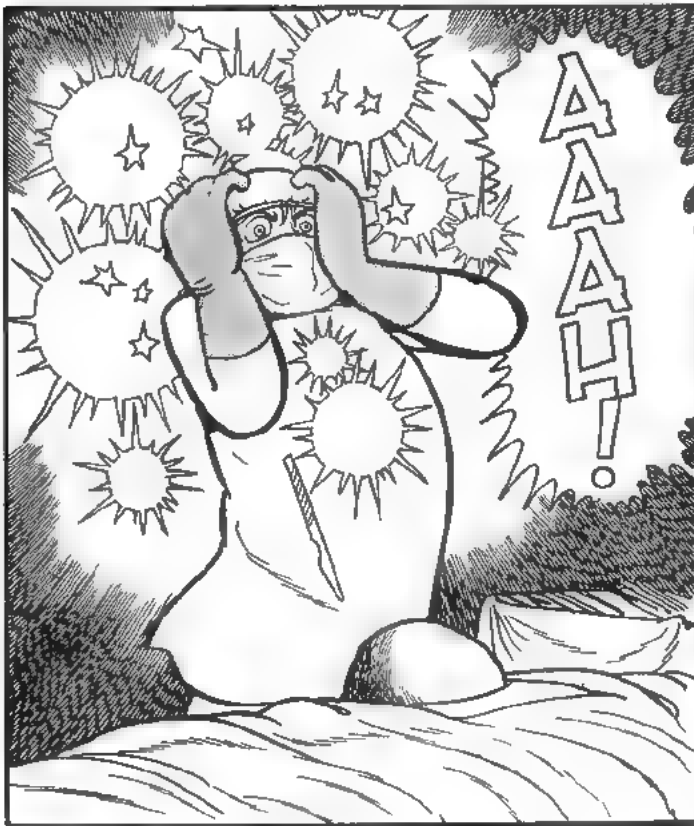
SOMETIMES  
WHEN  
TWINS ARE  
CONCEIVED,  
ONE EMBRYO  
FAILS TO  
COHERE  
AND JUST A  
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IT IS BORN  
IMPLANTED  
IN ITS  
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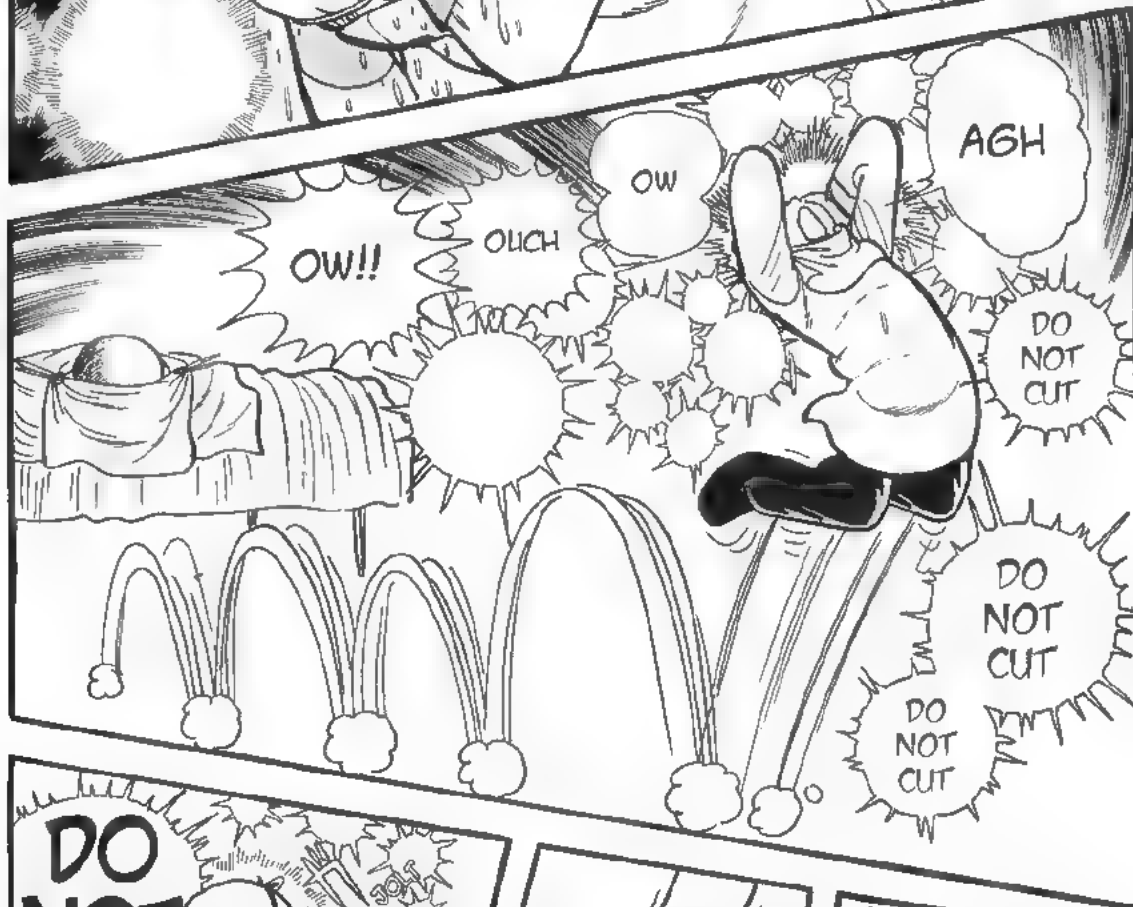


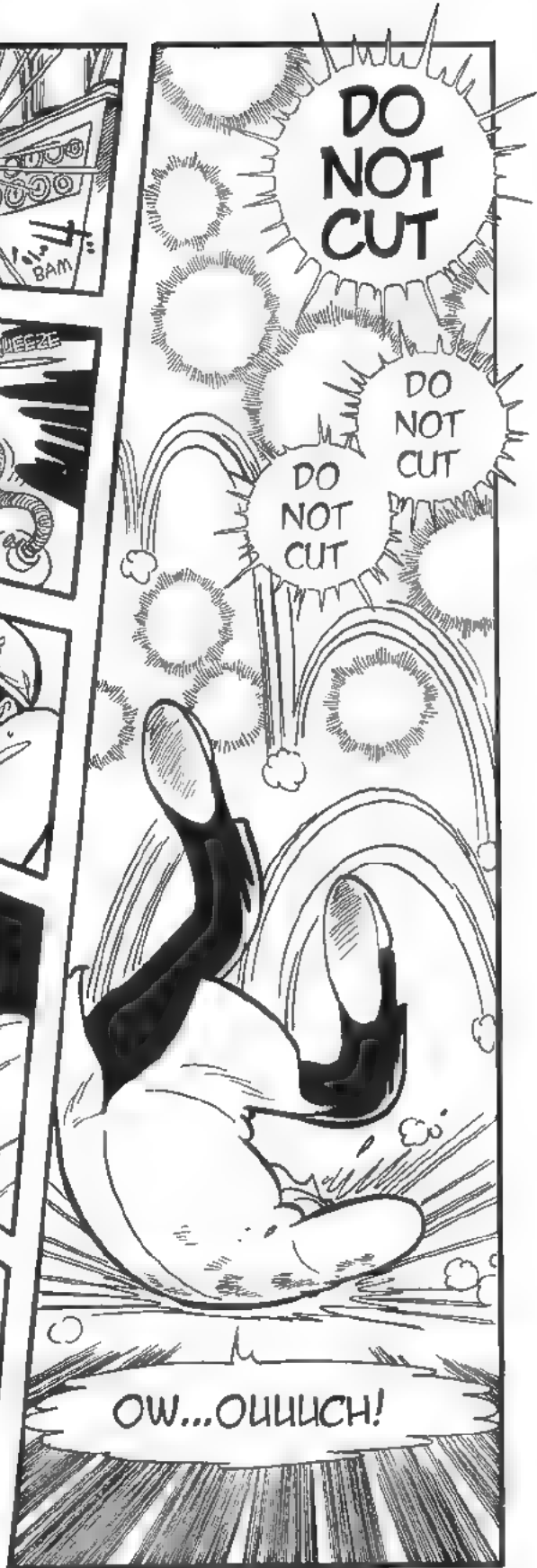
IN SOME  
CASES, THE  
UNFORMED  
TWIN IS  
ENCLOSED  
IN A  
RUBBERY  
SAC FILLED  
WITH  
VISCIOUS  
FLUID.



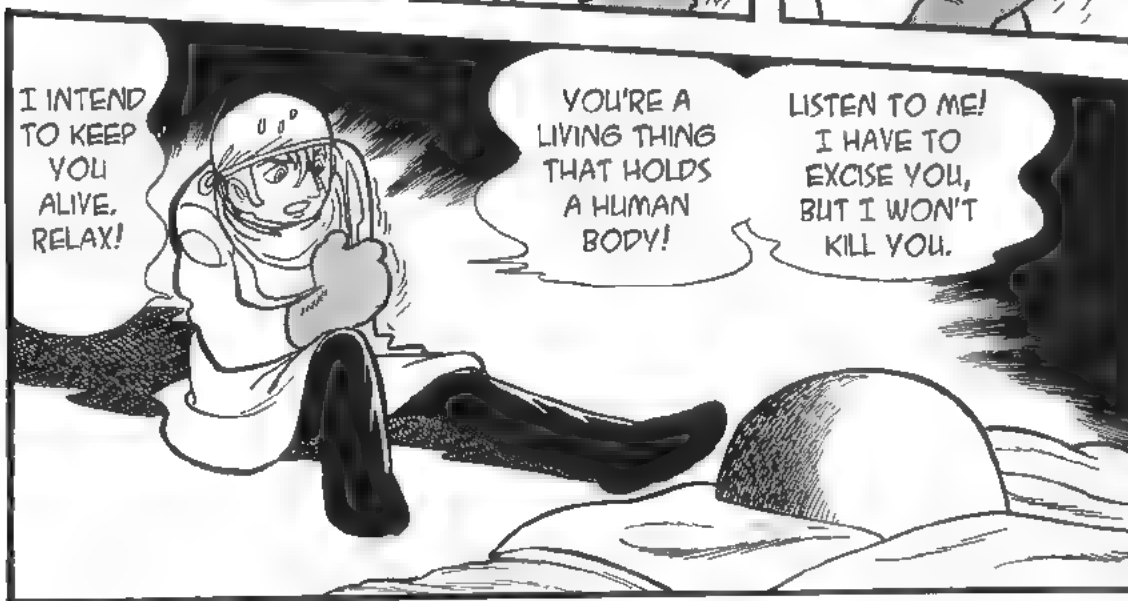
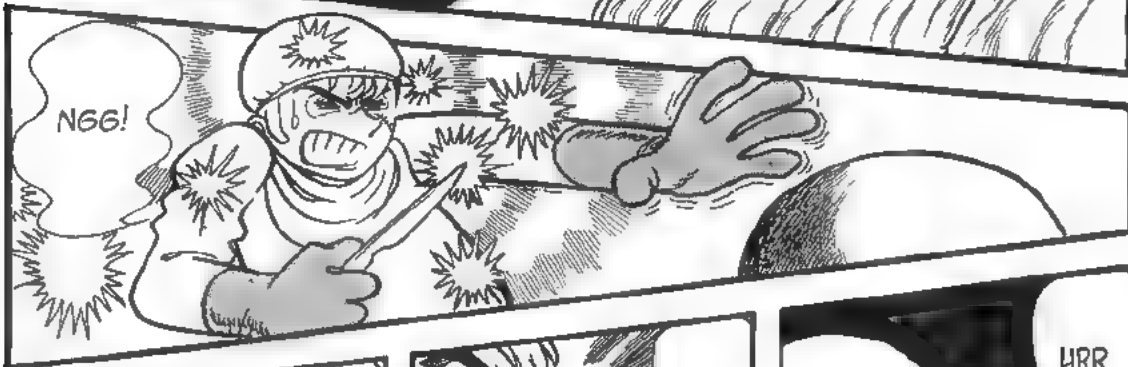
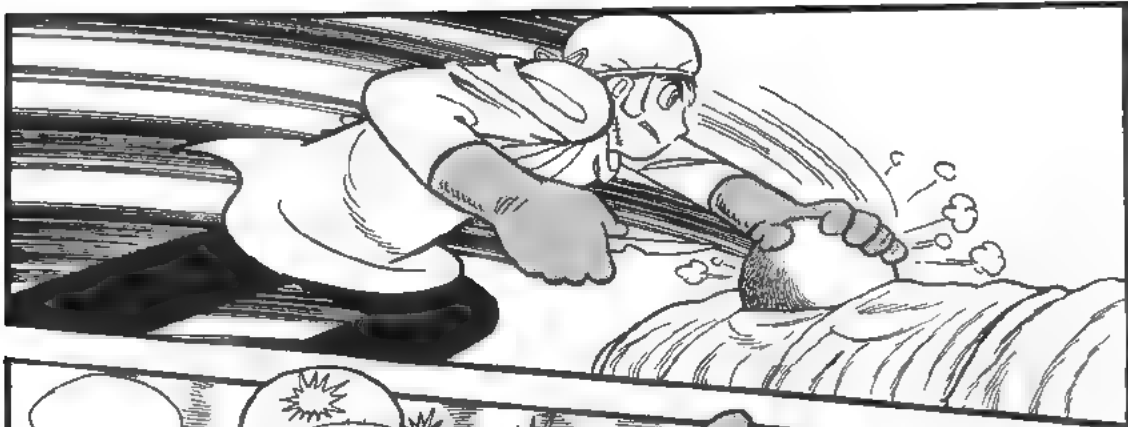


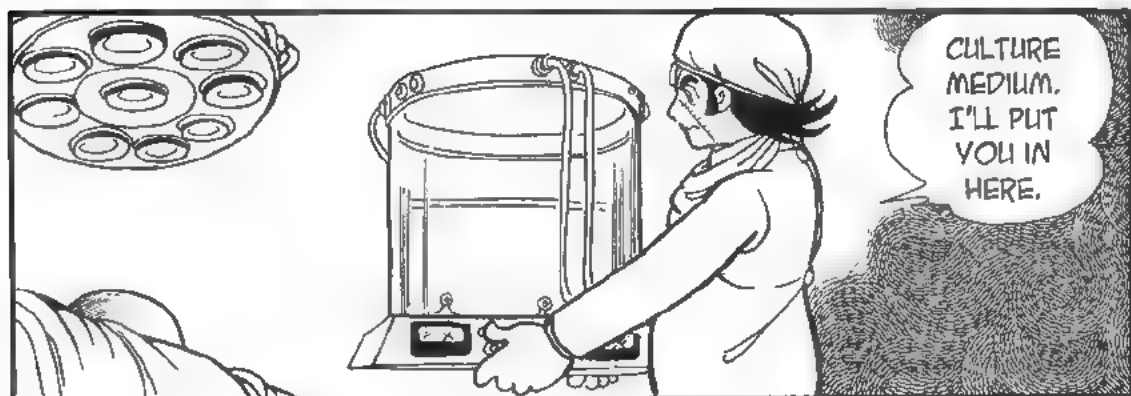


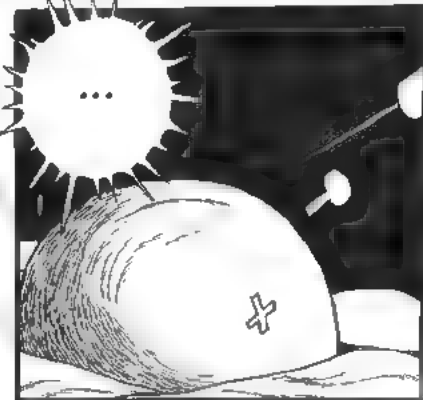
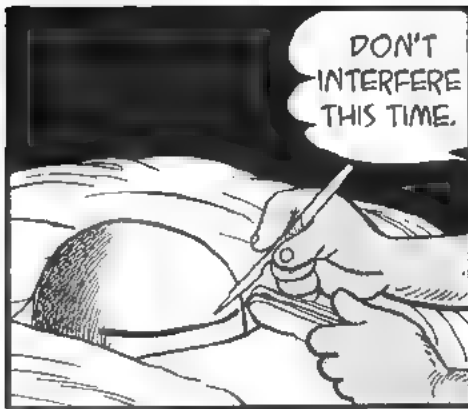


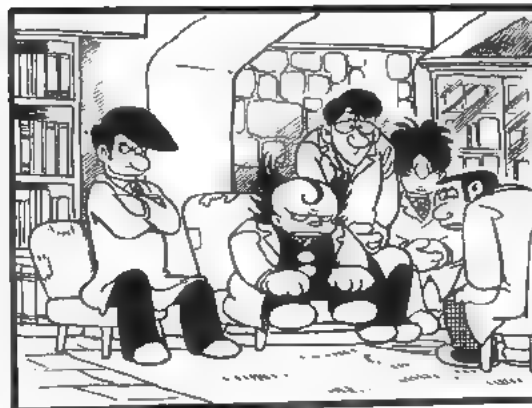


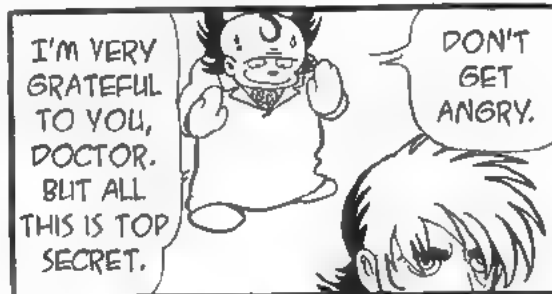
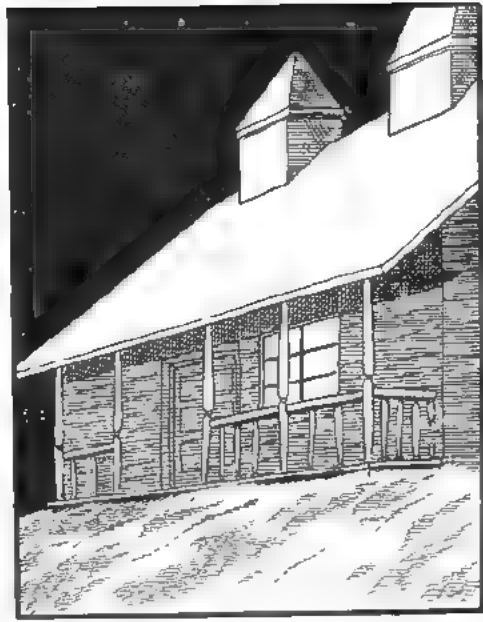


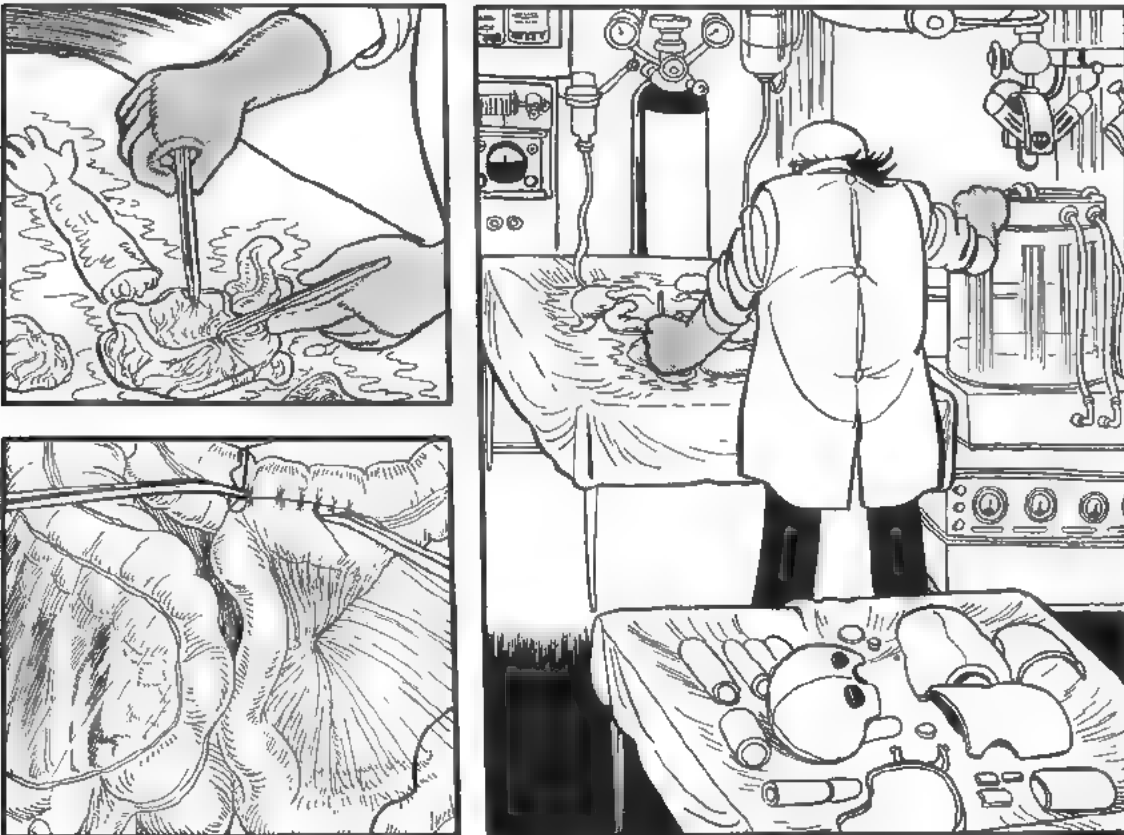
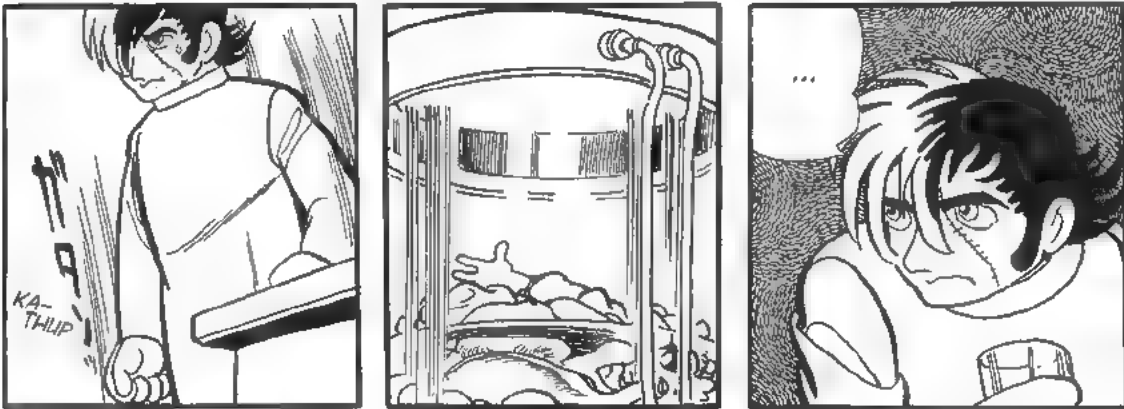


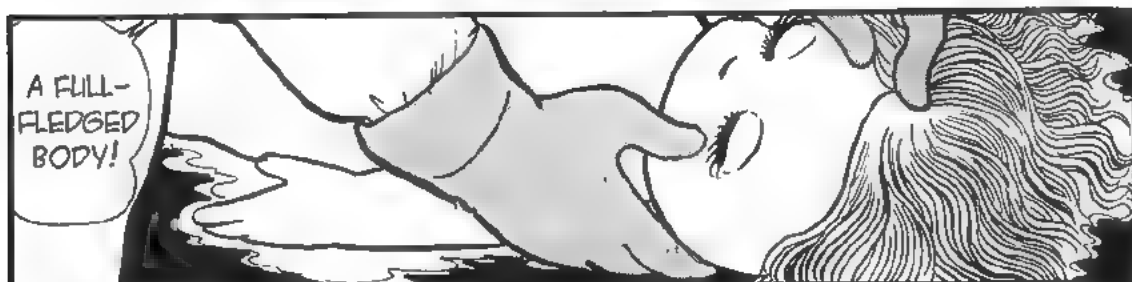




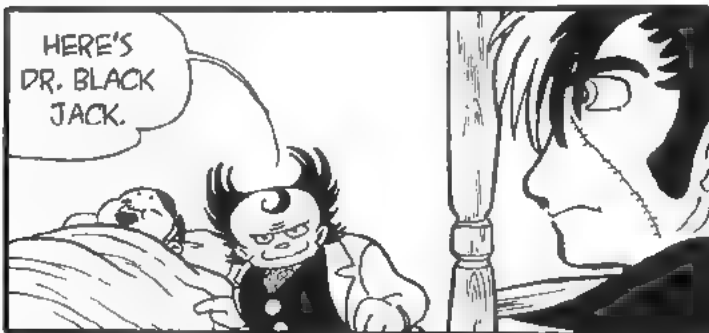


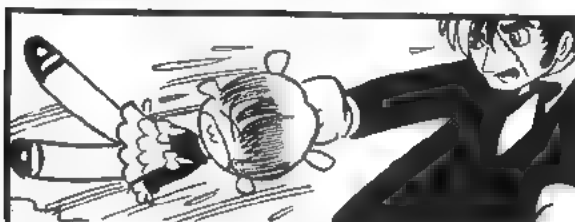
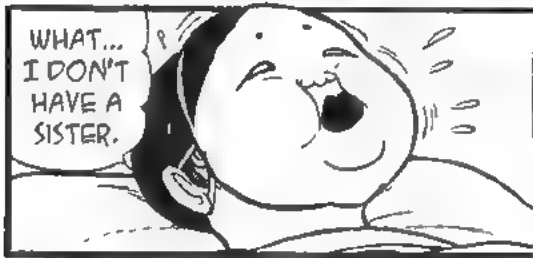


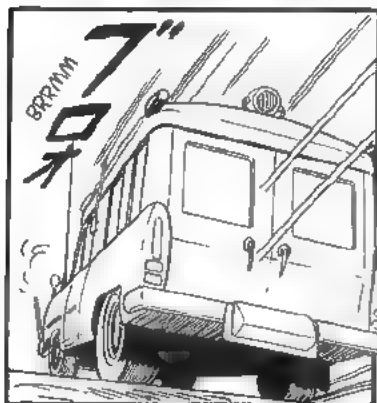
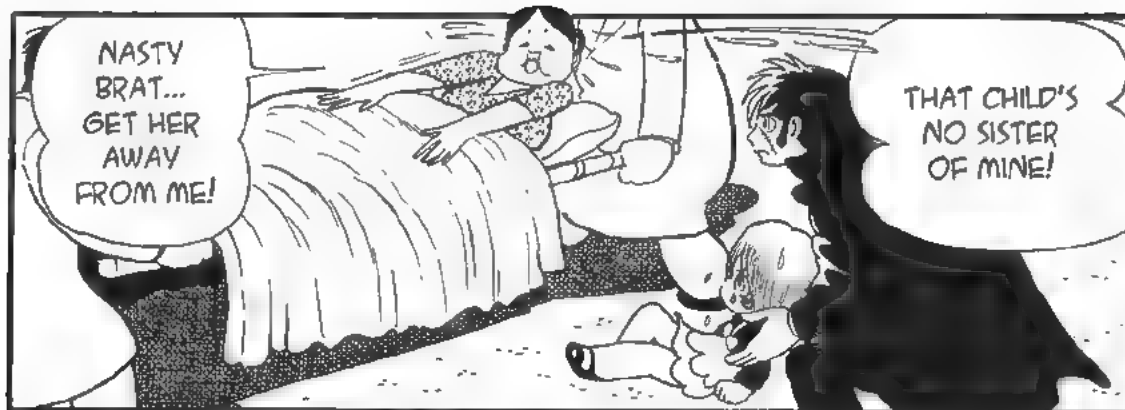












## THE FACE SORE

FLUID  
FROM THE  
TOAD'S BODY  
STAINED HIS  
STOMACH,  
BUT THE BOY  
THOUGHT  
NOTHING  
OF IT.



FALL 1939—  
IN SHIO VILLAGE,  
HAKUI COUNTY,  
ISHIKAWA  
PREFECTURE,  
RYOSAKU MIYAMAE,  
SON OF EI,  
KILLED A  
LARGE TOAD.



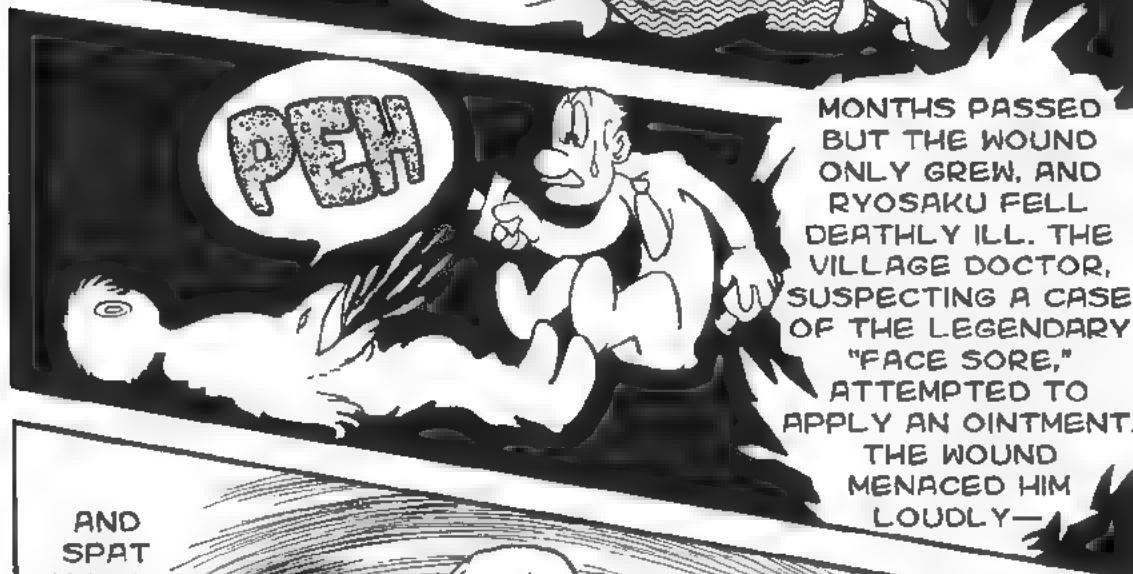
SEVERAL  
DAYS LATER,  
RYOSAKU HAD  
A HIGH FEVER.  
A LARGE SORE  
APPEARED ON  
HIS STOMACH,  
LOOKING  
VERY MUCH  
LIKE A TOAD.  
THE WAY IT  
CRACKED  
OPEN.



THE  
TOAD-LIKE  
WOUND  
OOZED  
A SLIMY  
LIQUID.  
IT GOB-  
BLED UP  
THE BUGS  
THAT  
RYOSAKU  
CAUGHT  
FOR IT.



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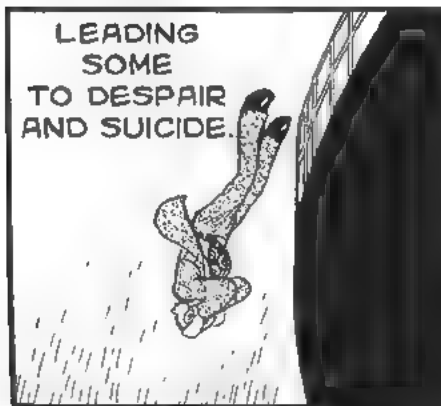
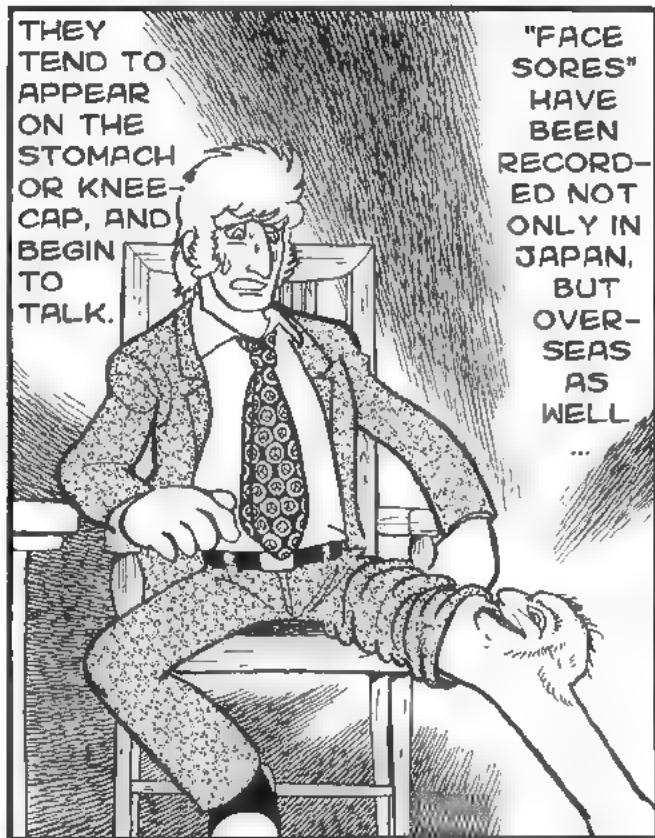
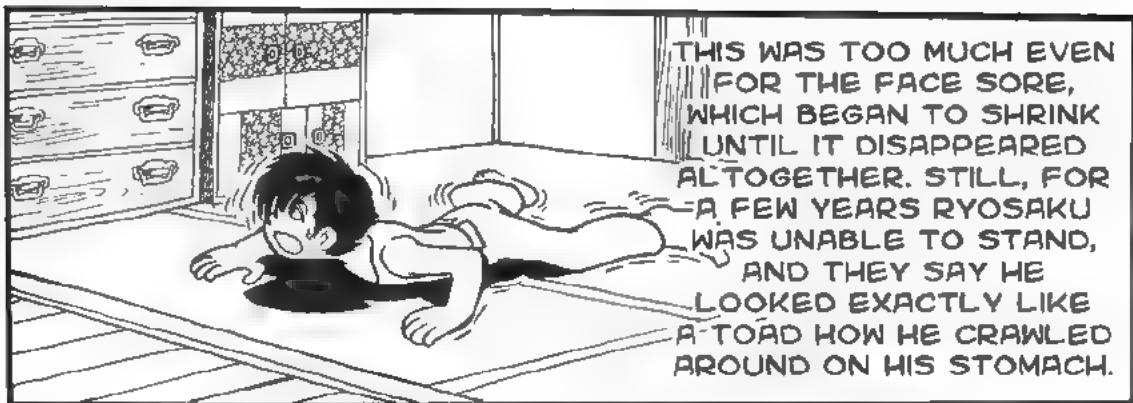


MONTHS PASSED  
BUT THE WOUND  
ONLY GREW, AND  
RYOSAKU FELL  
DEATHLY ILL. THE  
VILLAGE DOCTOR,  
SUSPECTING A CASE  
OF THE LEGENDARY  
"FACE SORE,"  
ATTEMPTED TO  
APPLY AN OINTMENT.  
THE WOUND  
MENACED HIM  
LOUDLY—

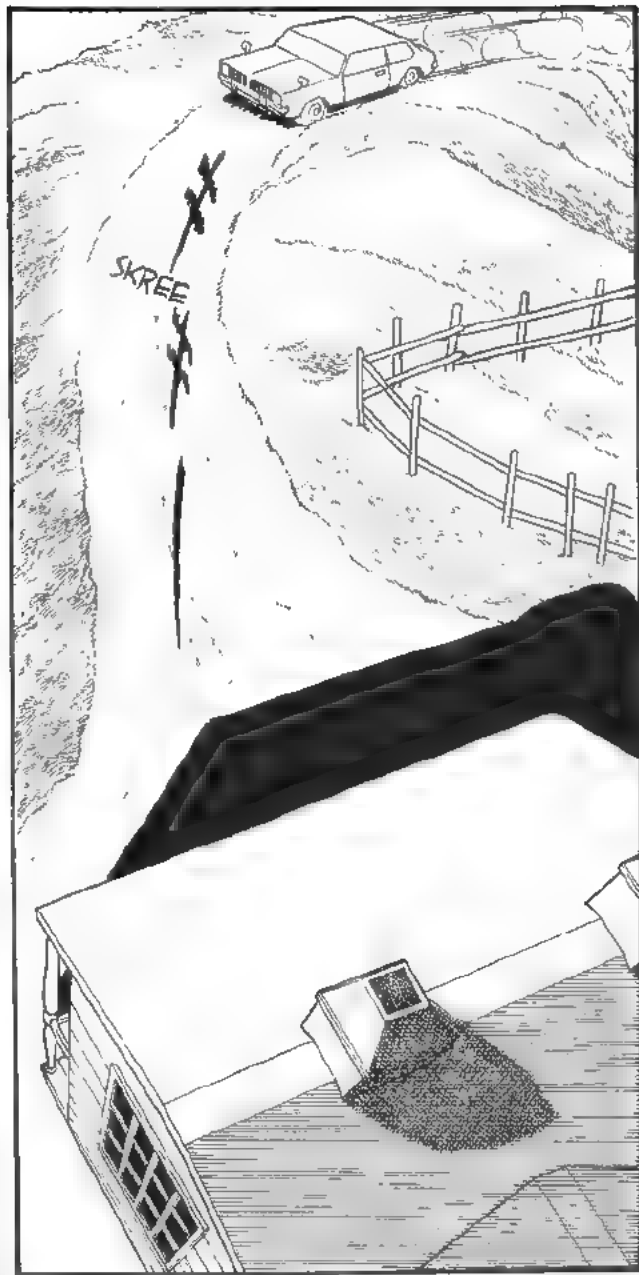
AND  
SPAT  
MUCUS  
ON HIM.  
AT WIT'S  
END, HE  
MIXED  
PIPE TAR  
WITH OIL  
AND  
POURED  
IT INTO  
THE  
WOUND.



NOTE: "FACE SORE" = JINMENSO, A MONSTER FROM JAPANESE FOLKLORE

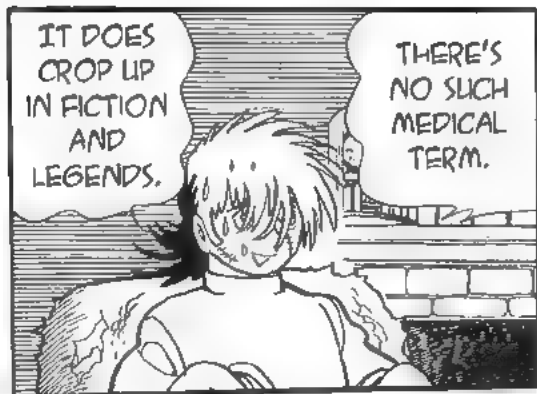






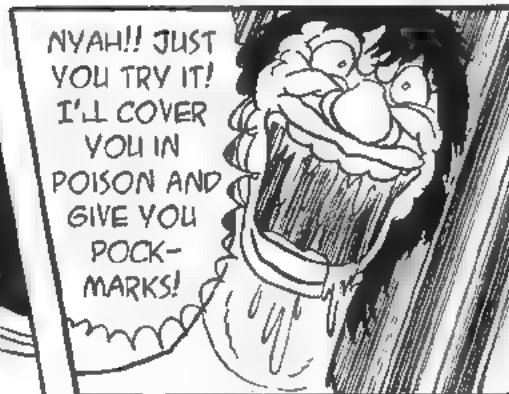




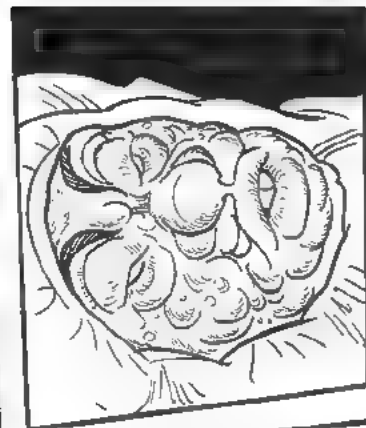
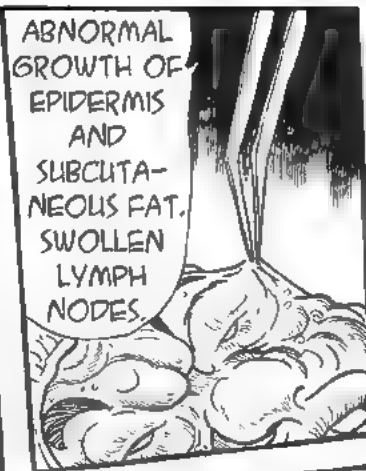
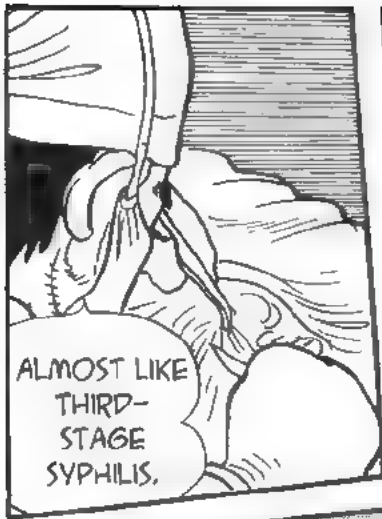


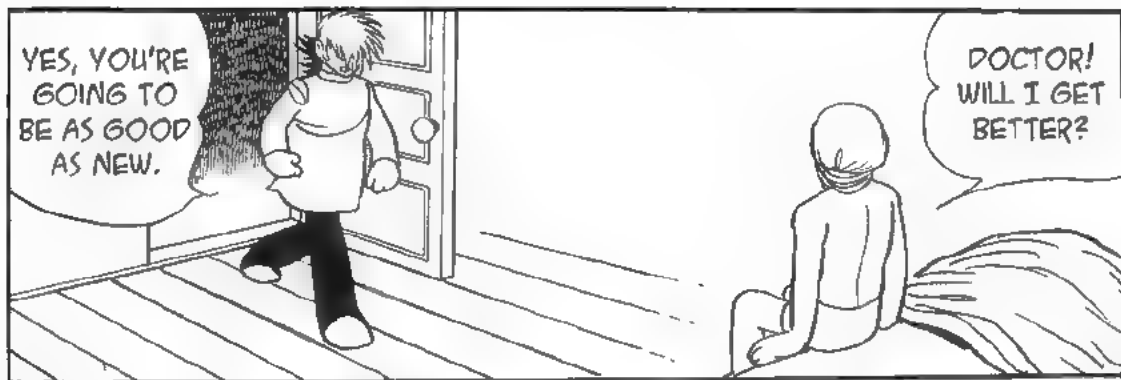












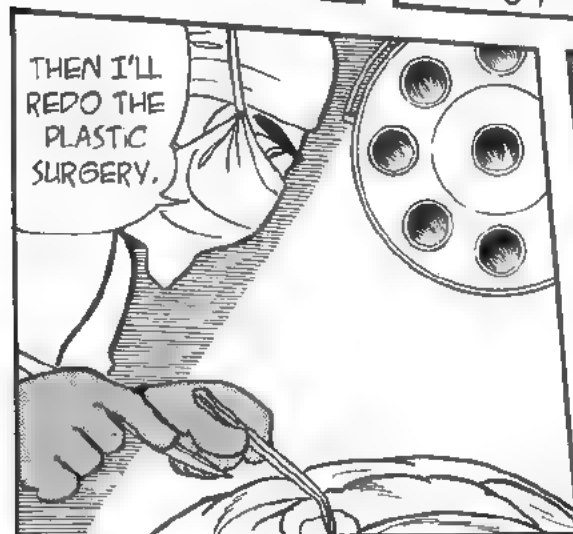




YOUR  
ILLNESS  
HAS  
SOME  
MENTAL  
CAUSE...



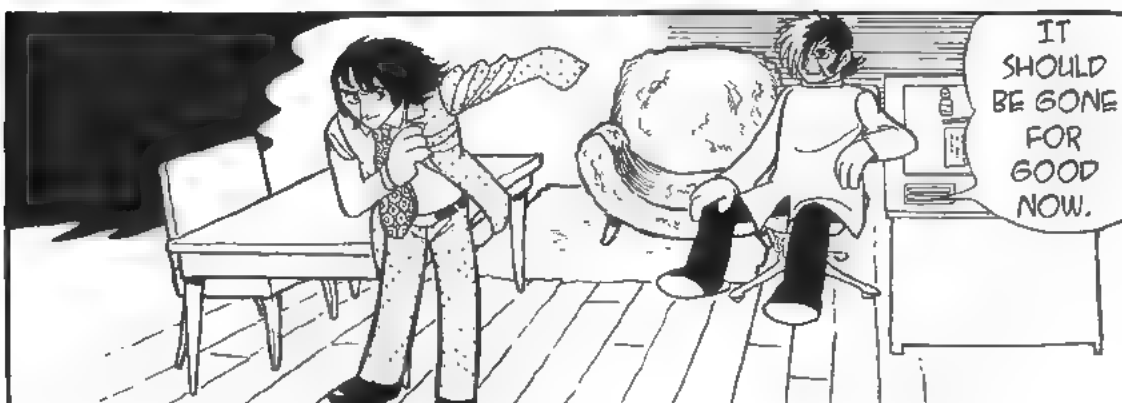
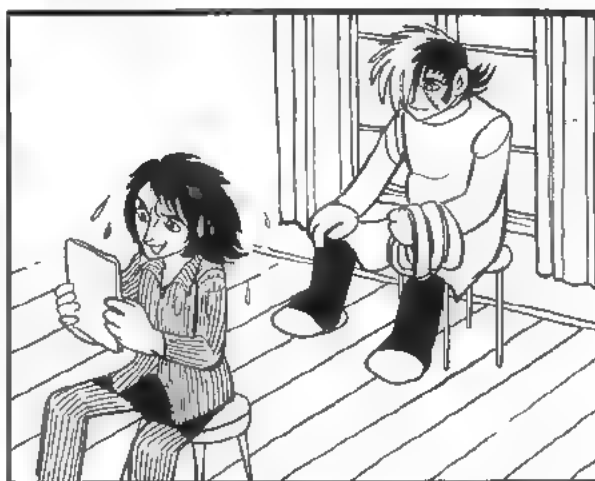
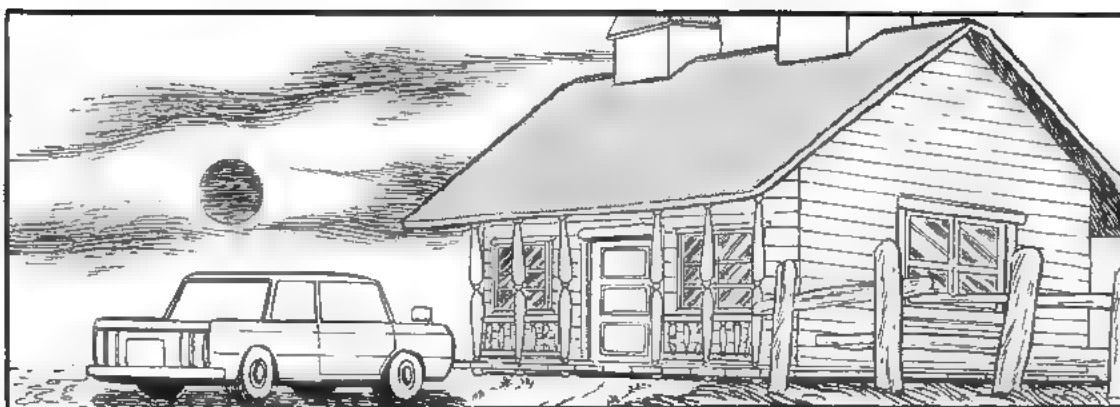
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EXTREME,  
BUT I AIMED  
CAREFULLY.

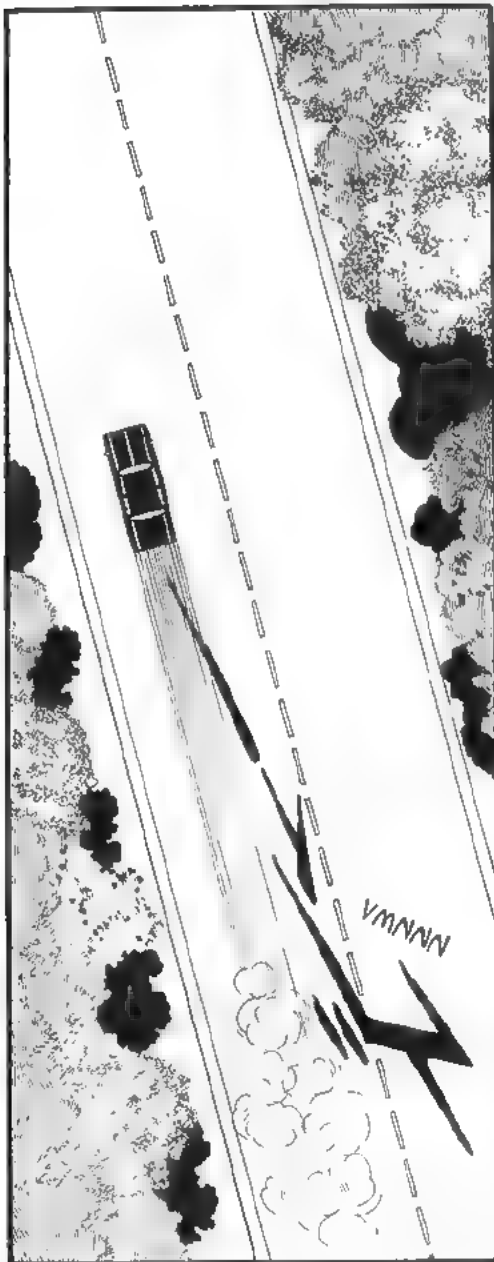


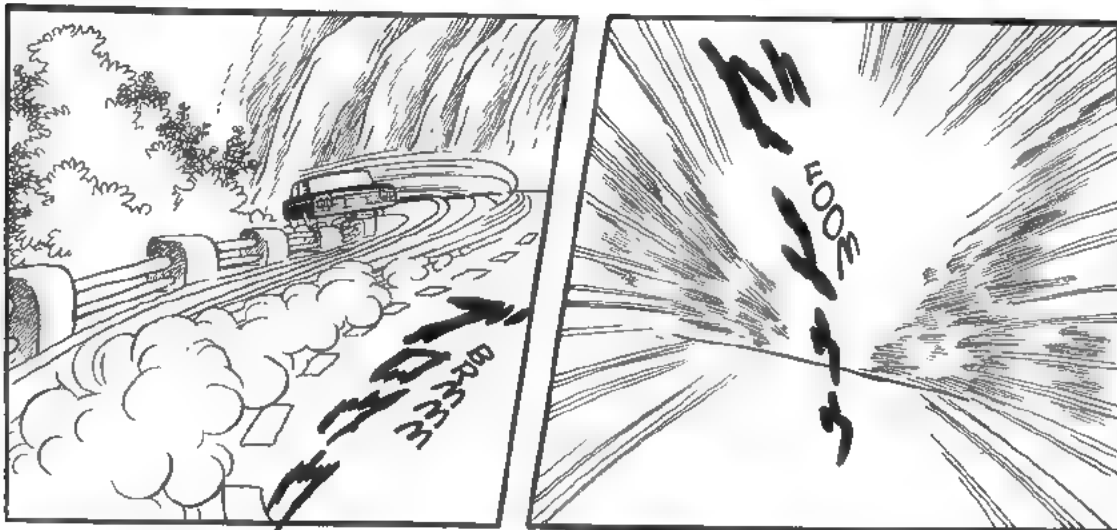
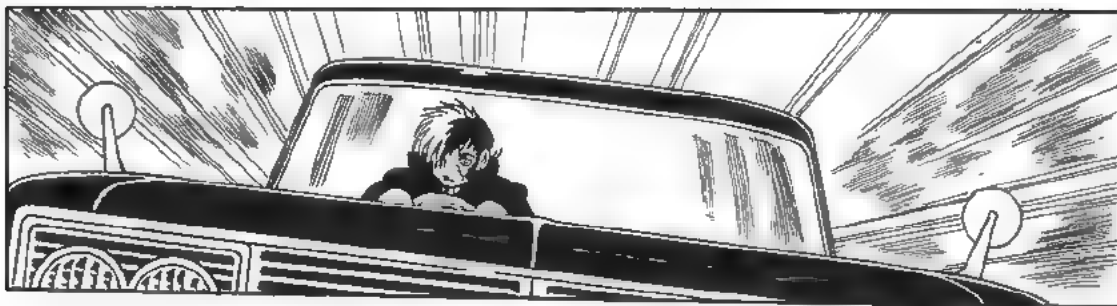
THEN I'LL  
REDO THE  
PLASTIC  
SURGERY.



LET ME  
START WITH  
THAT BULLET  
WOUND.







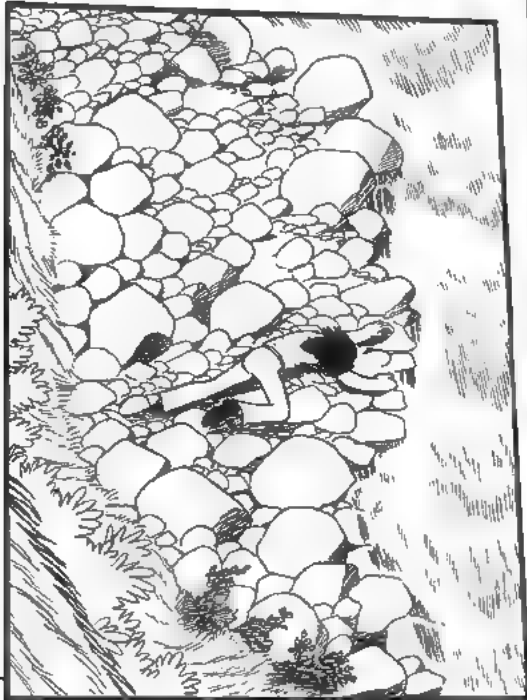








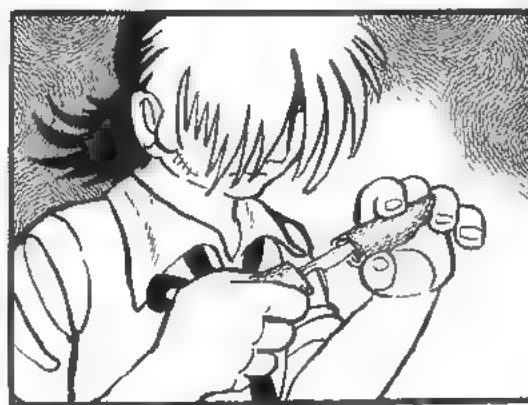
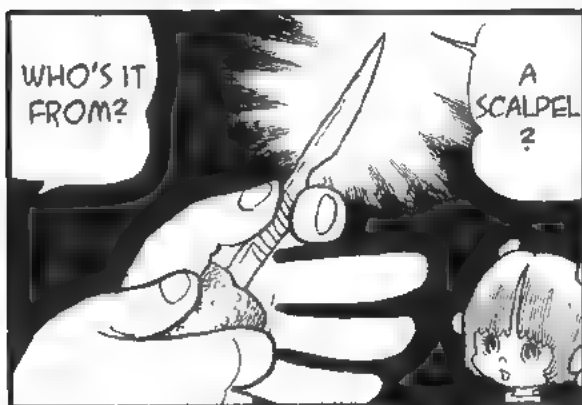
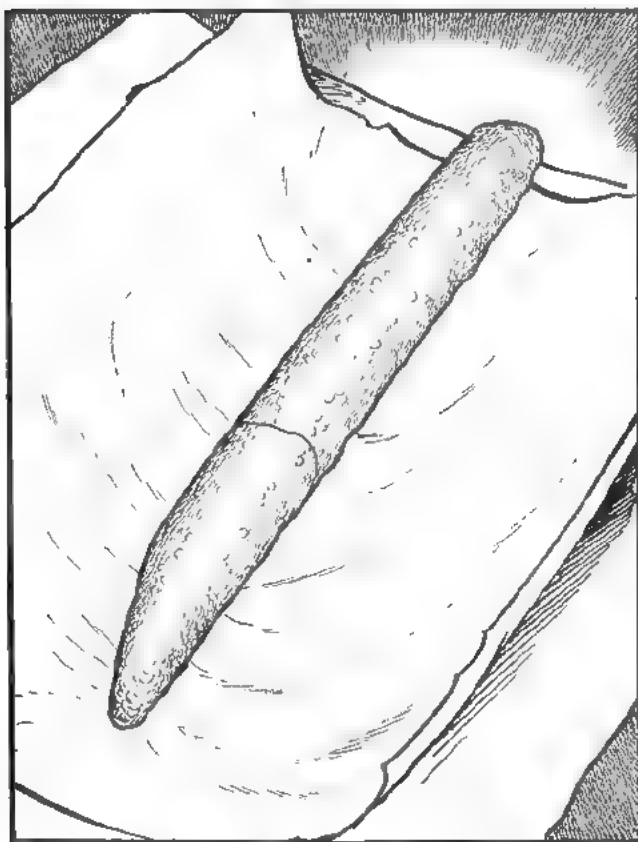


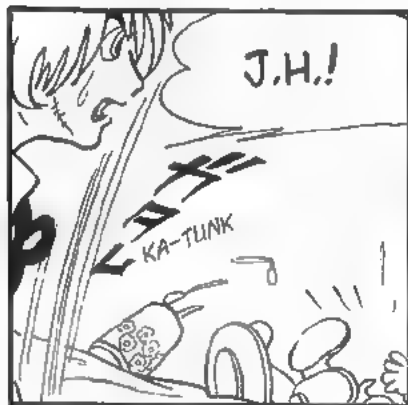


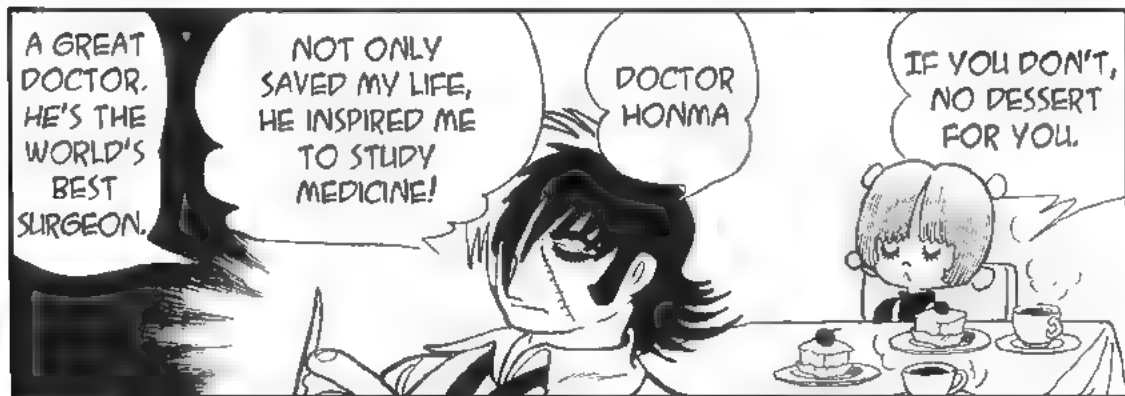


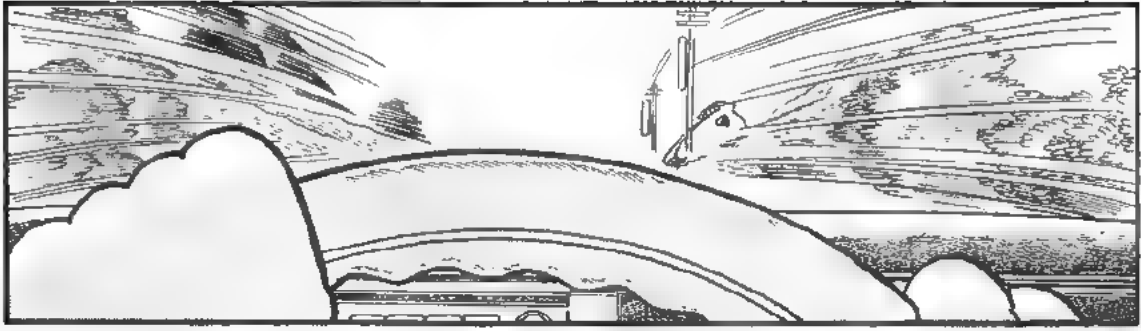
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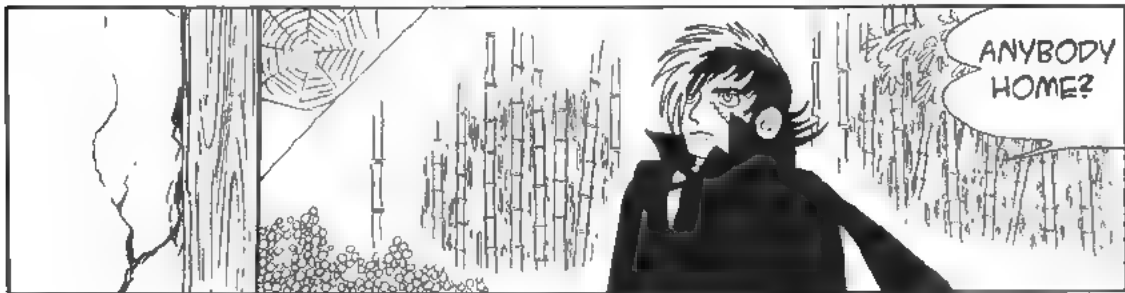
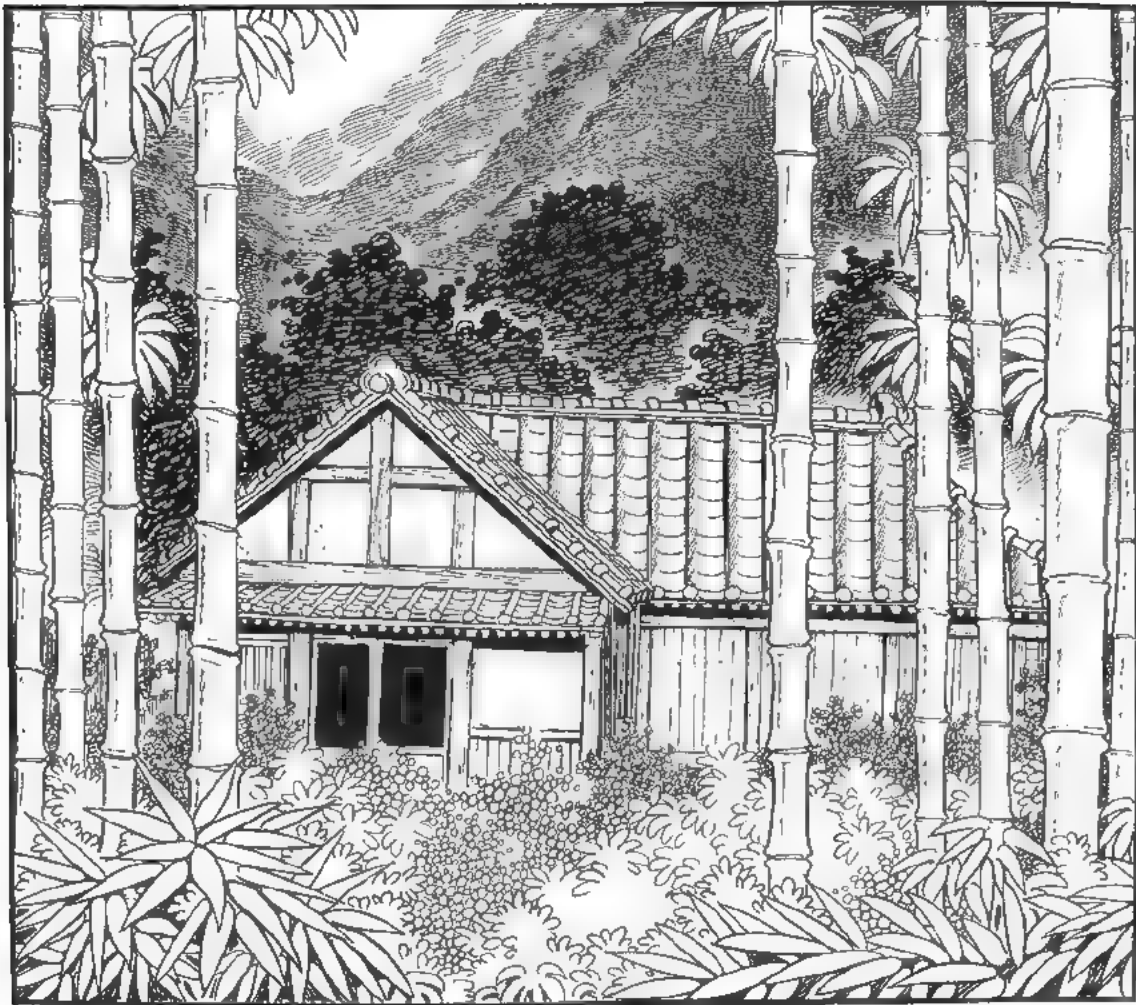


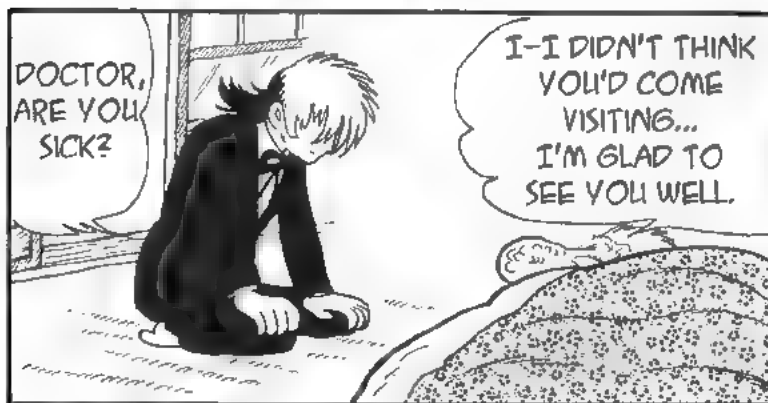


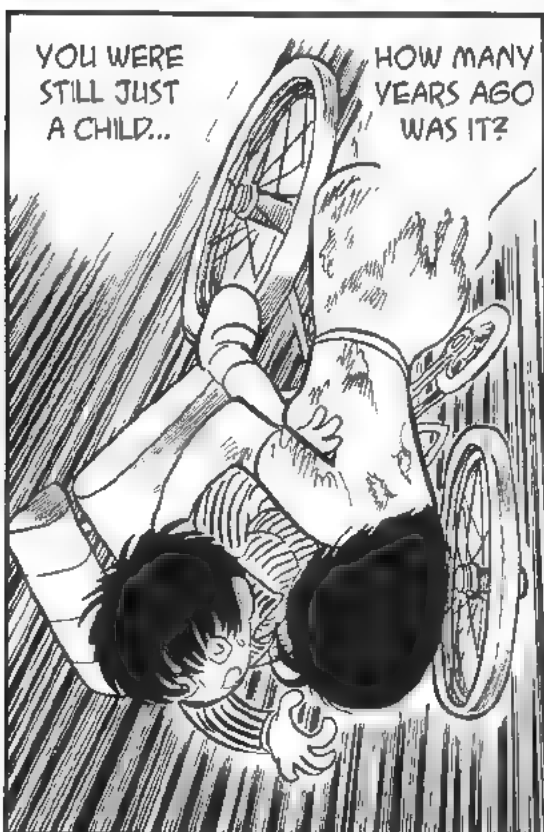




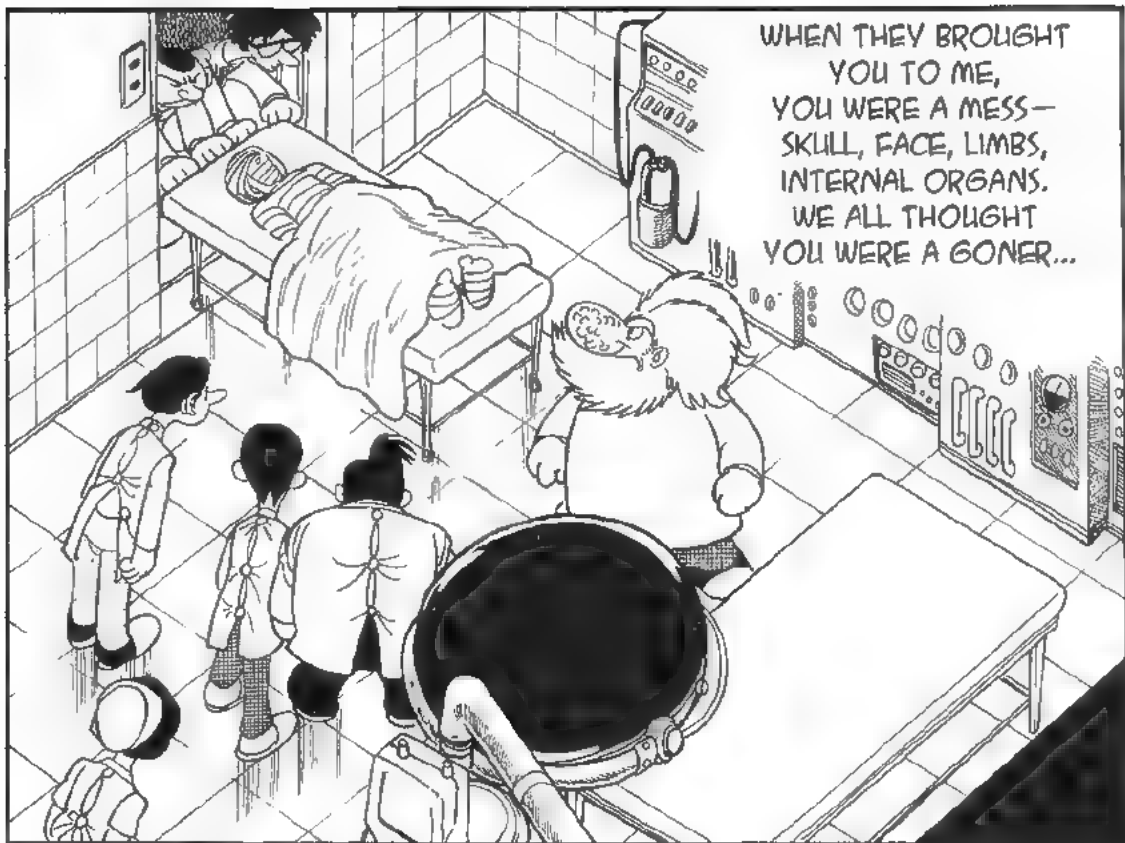












WHEN THEY BROUGHT  
YOU TO ME,  
YOU WERE A MESS—  
SKULL, FACE, LIMBS,  
INTERNAL ORGANS.  
WE ALL THOUGHT  
YOU WERE A GONER...



—YES,  
DOCTOR.  
AND I  
THOUGHT:  
DOCTORS  
ARE  
GREAT  
PEOPLE!

BY SOME  
MIRACLE,  
YOU HELD  
ON.



I DECIDED  
TO DO  
ALL I  
COULD.

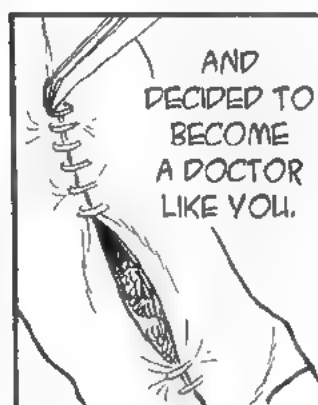


I MADE A  
SERIOUS  
MISTAKE  
DURING  
YOUR  
OPERATION.

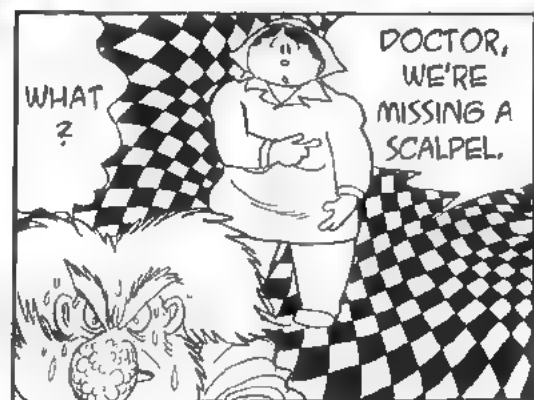
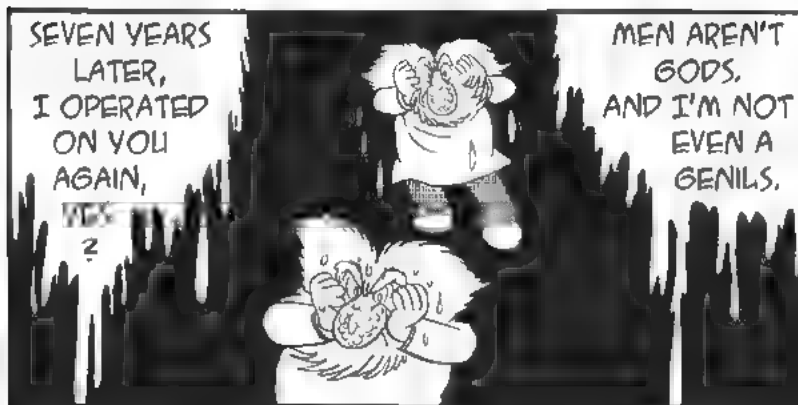
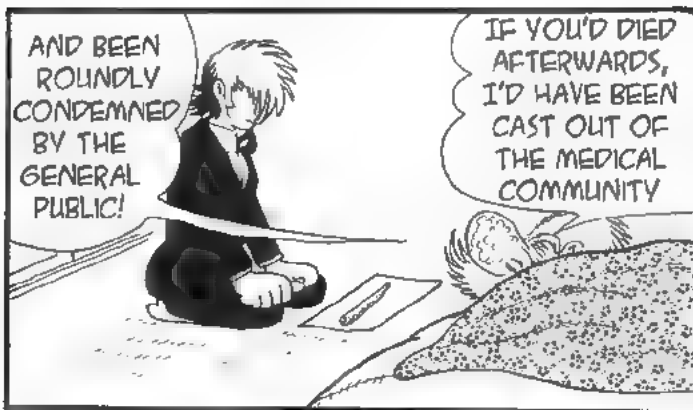


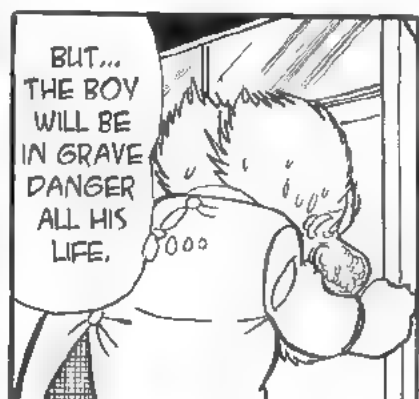
I'M A  
PATHETIC  
QUACK...

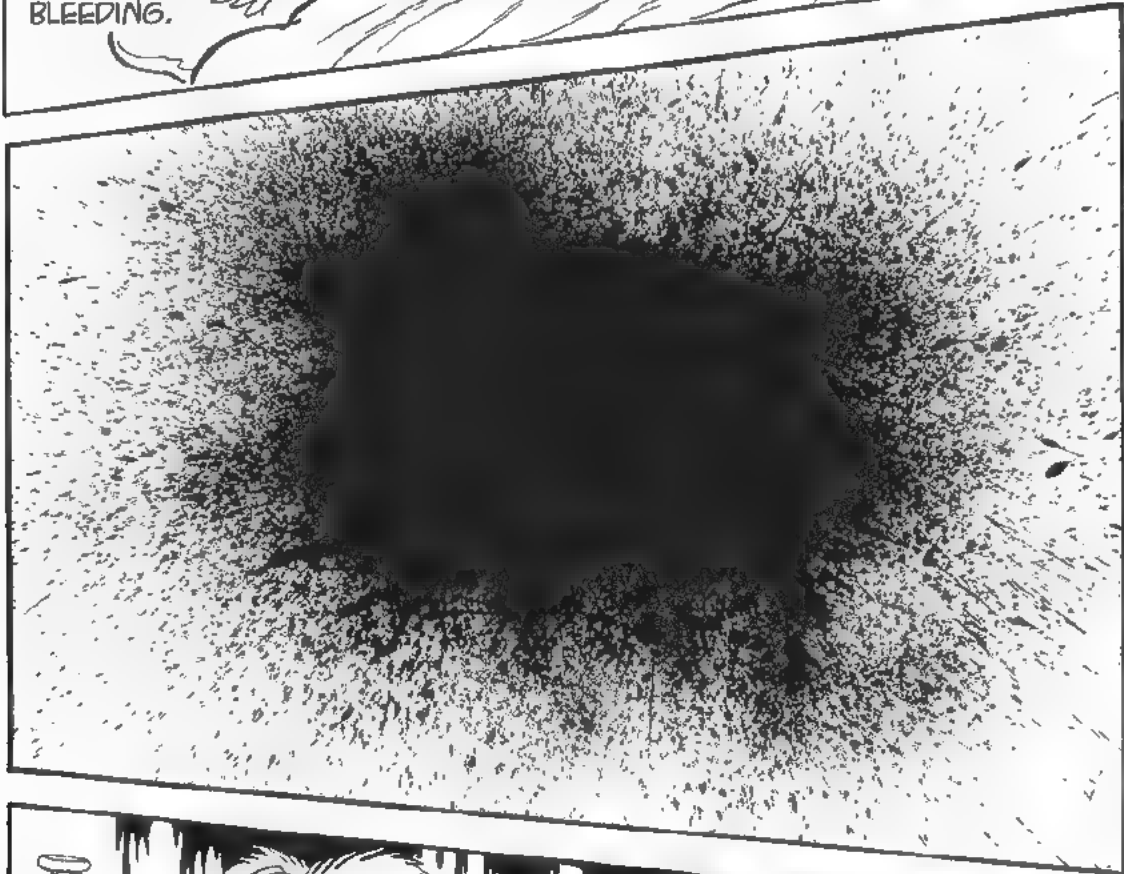
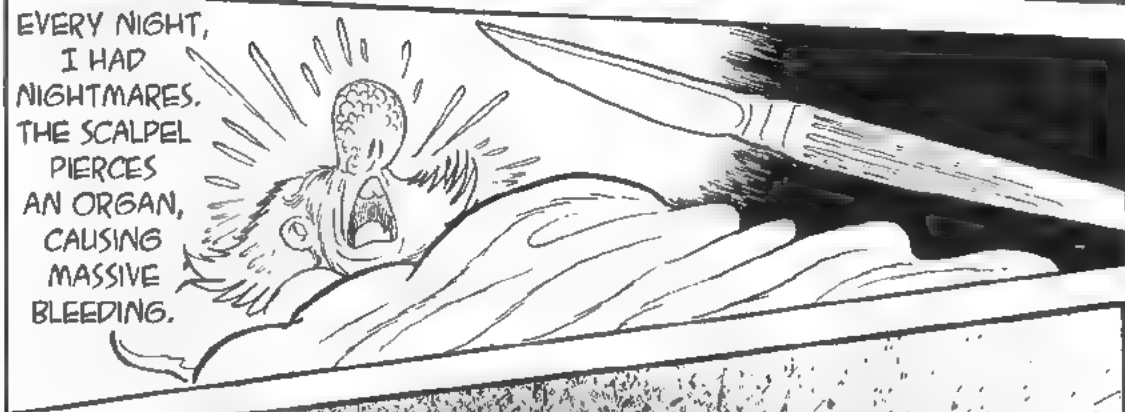
A  
DOCTOR  
LIKE ME?  
HA HA...

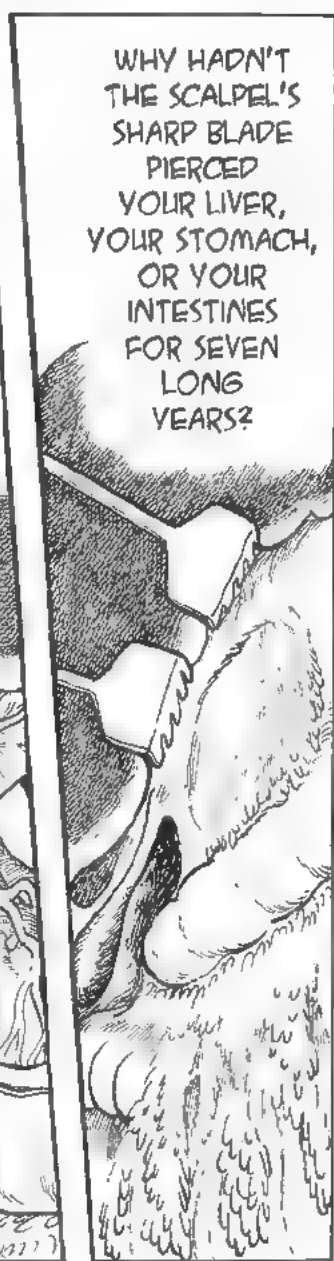
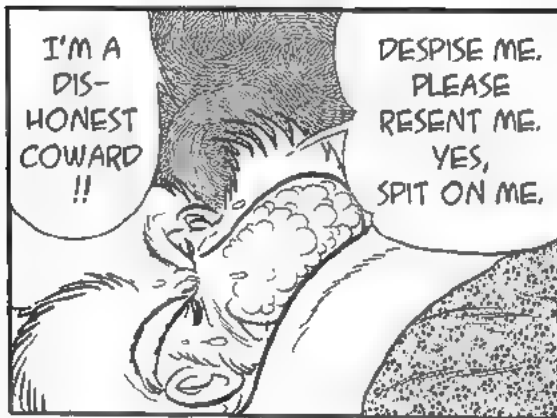


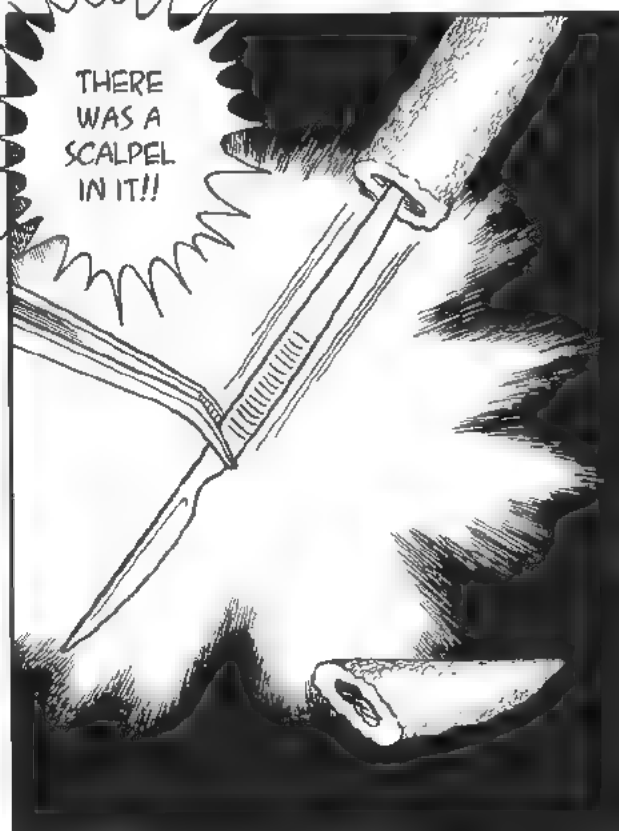
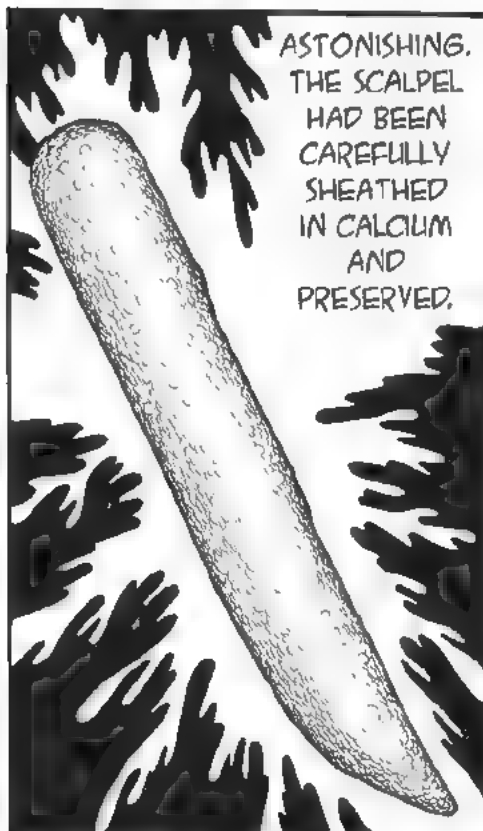
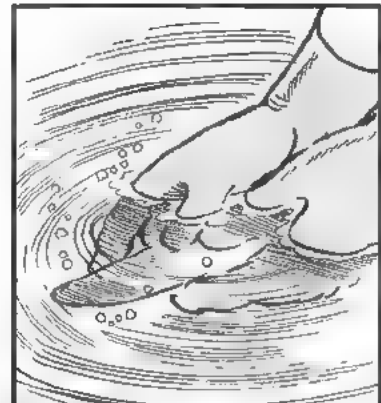
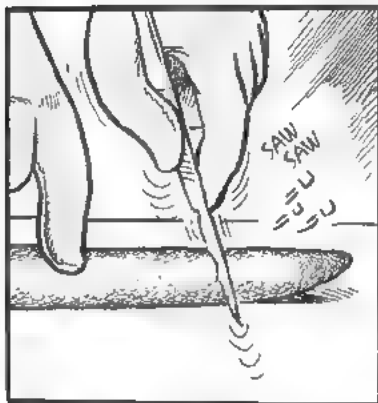
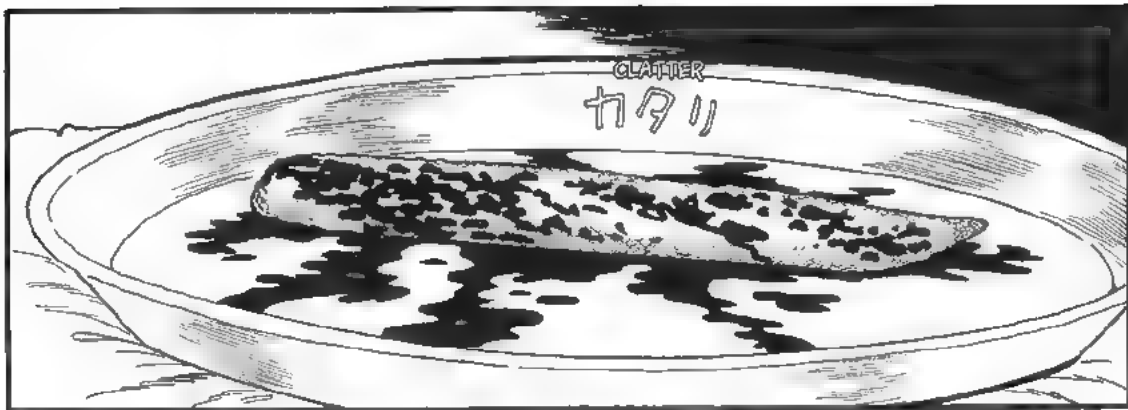
AND  
DECIDED TO  
BECOME  
A DOCTOR  
LIKE YOU.

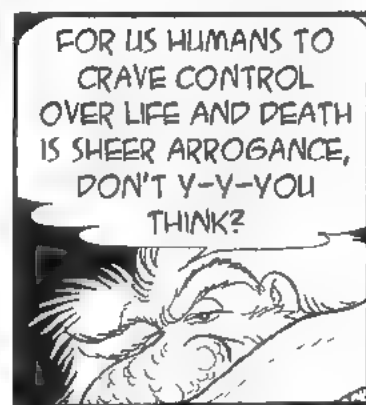
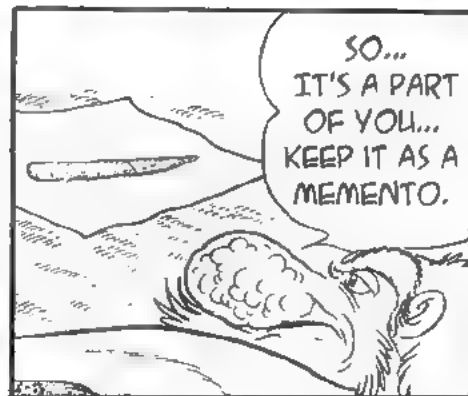
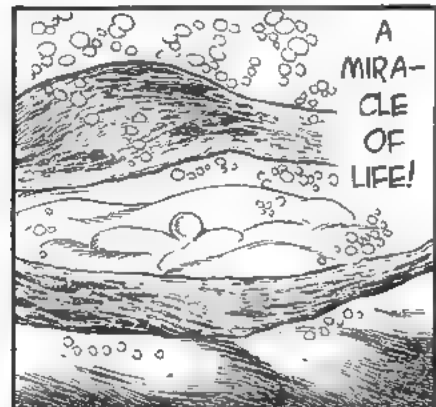
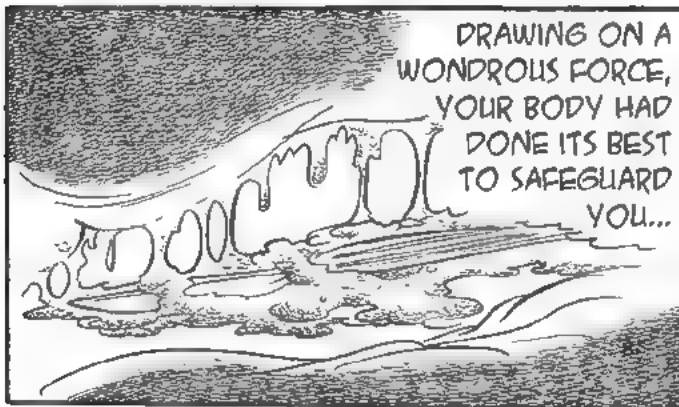
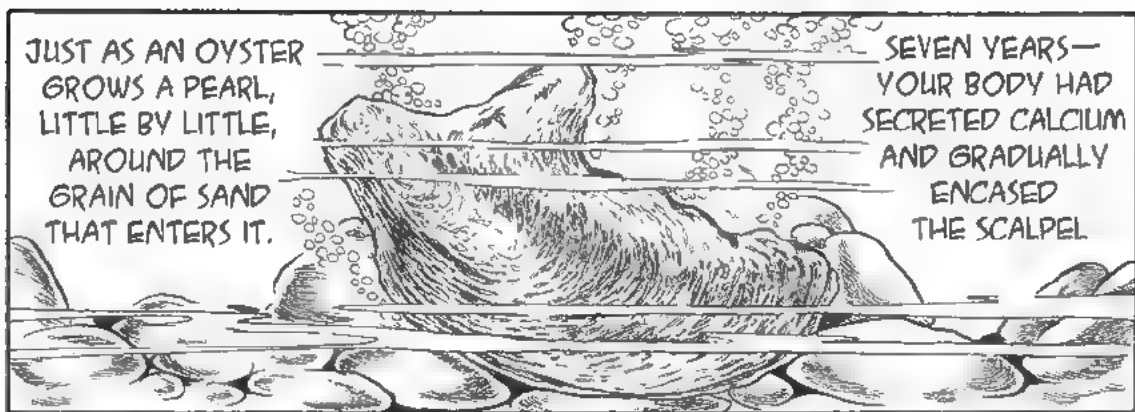




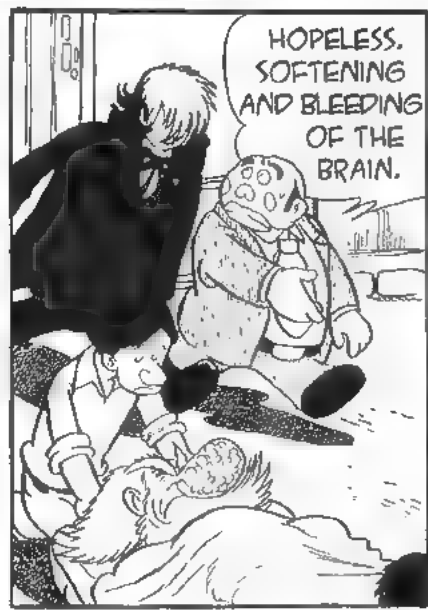
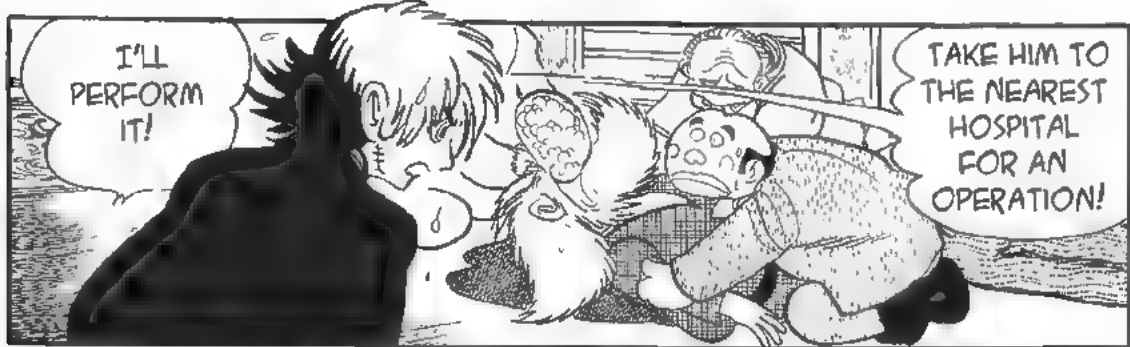
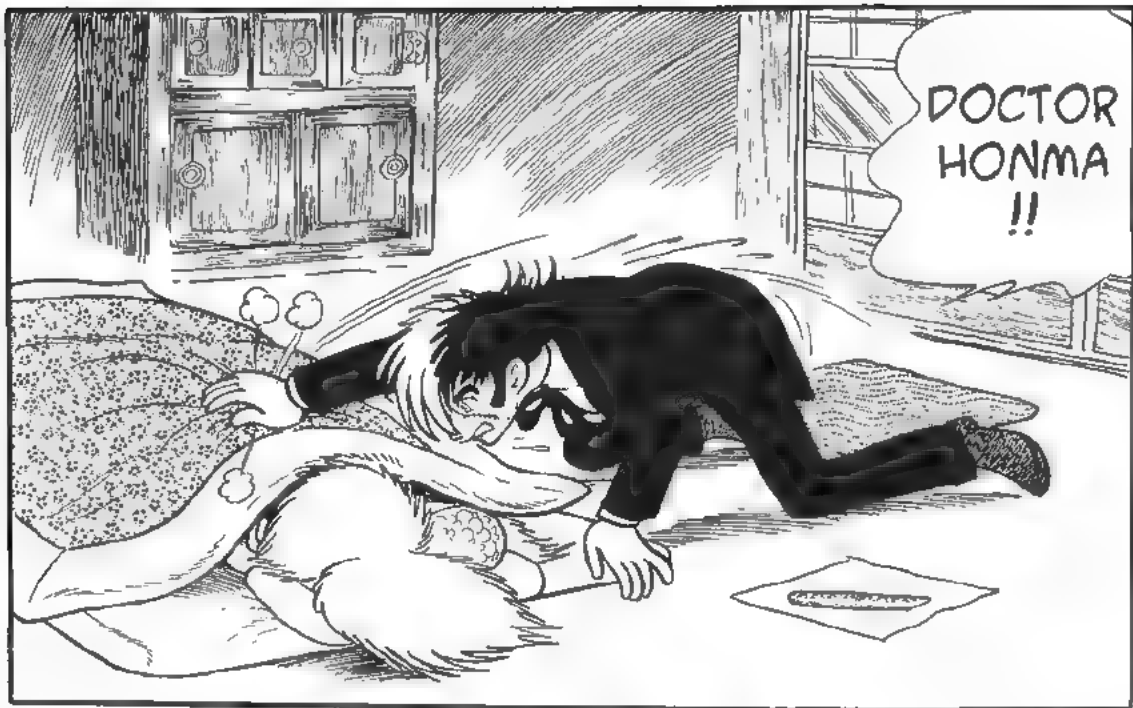


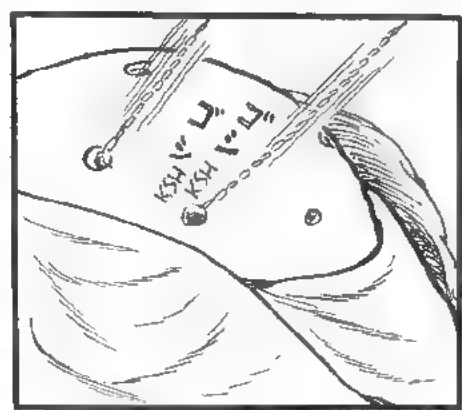
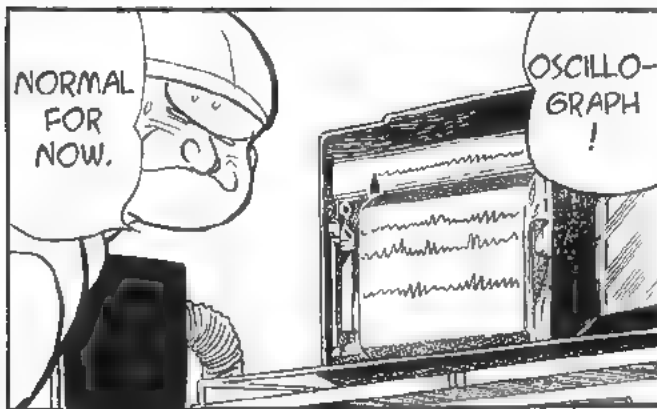
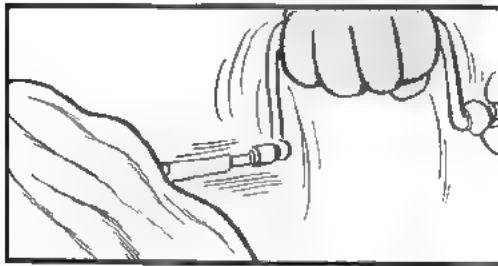
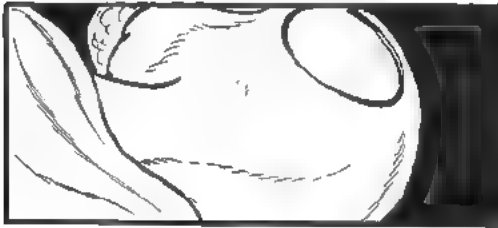
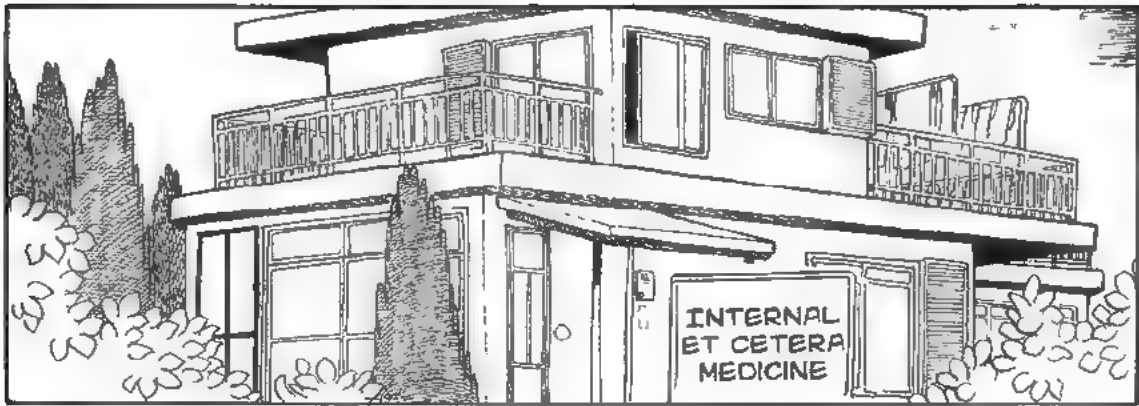


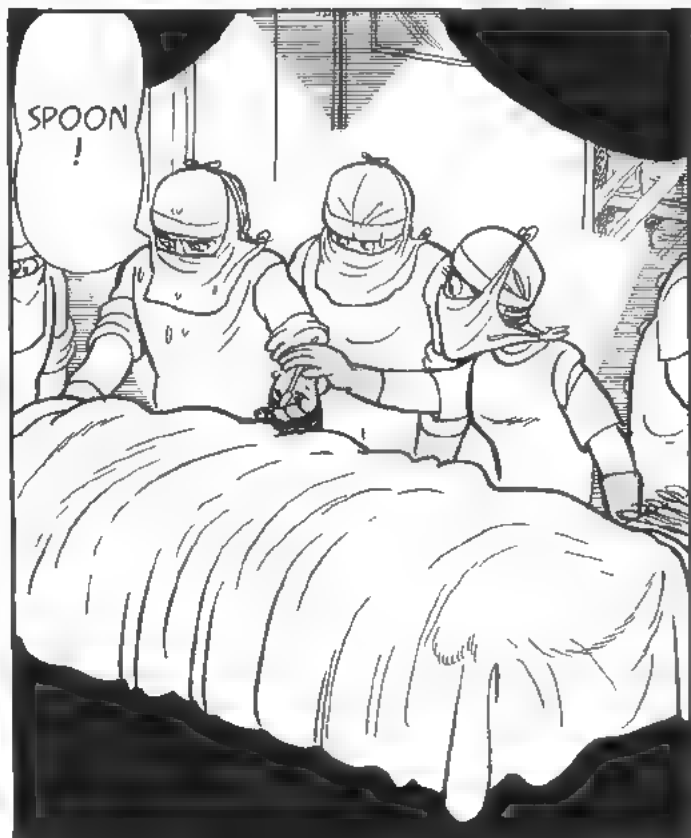
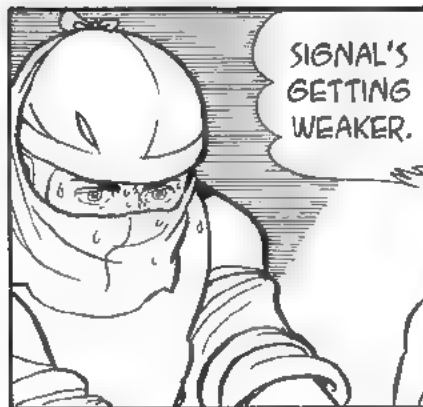
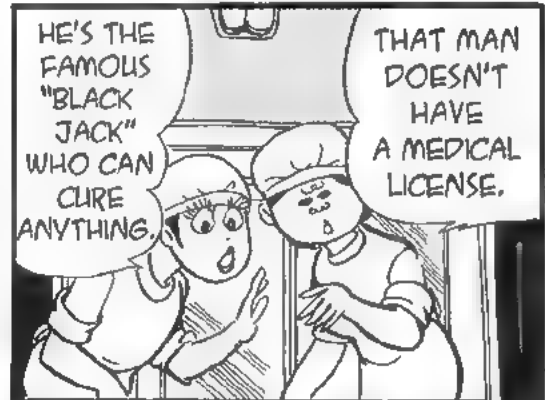
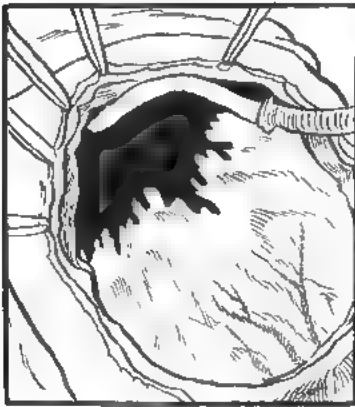


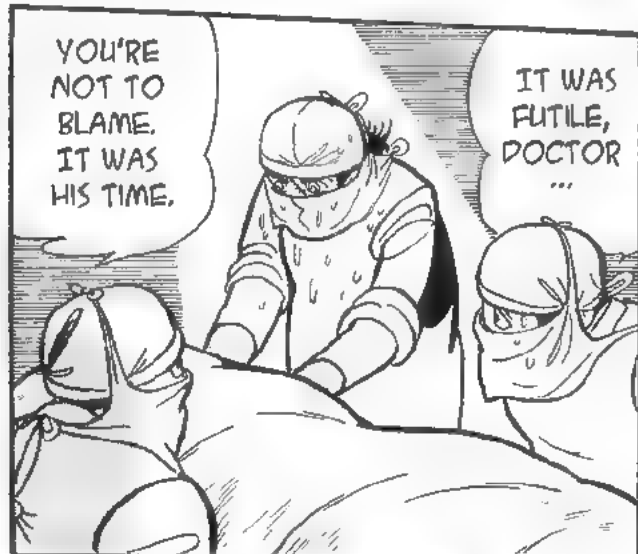
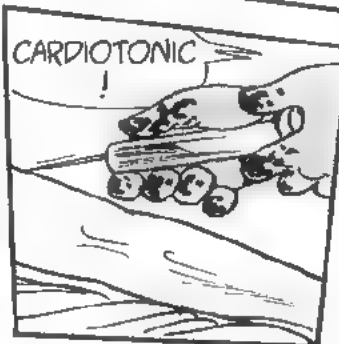






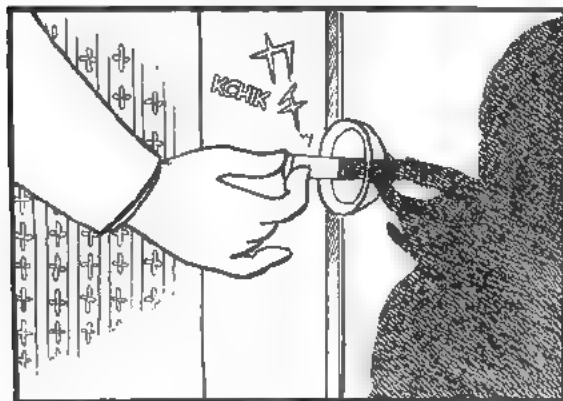
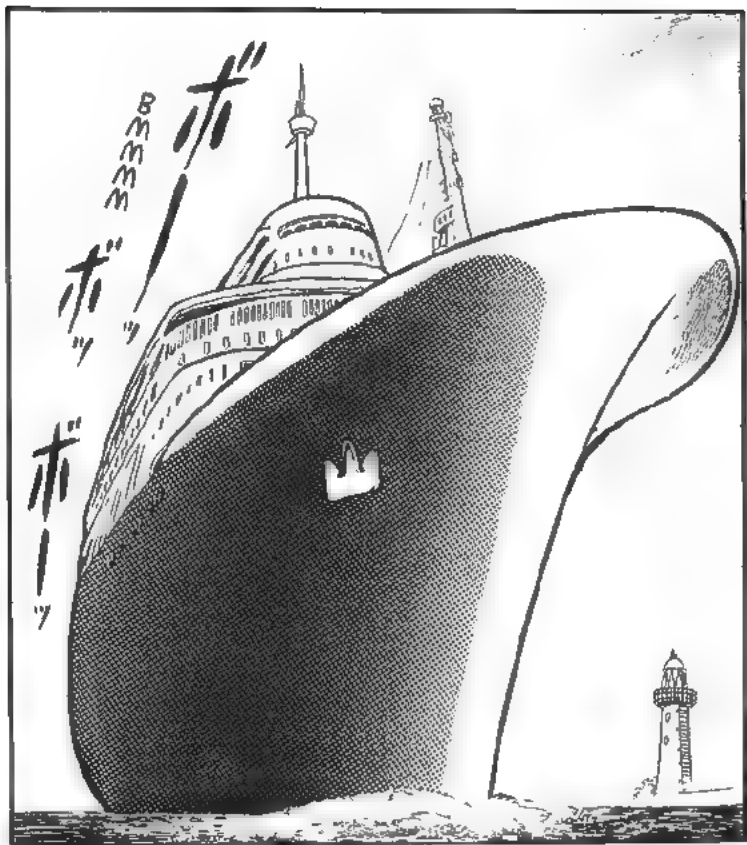




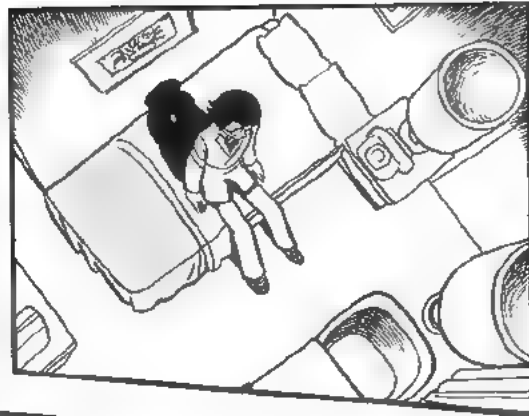
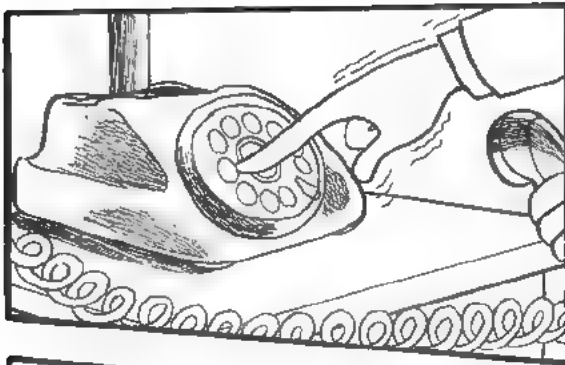


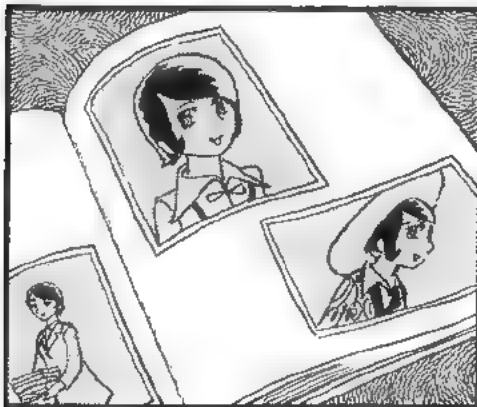


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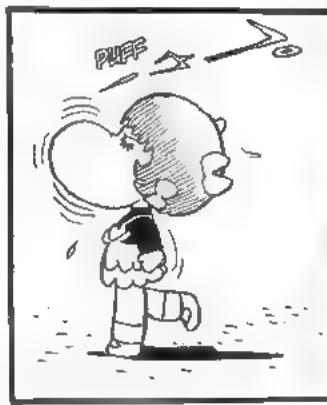
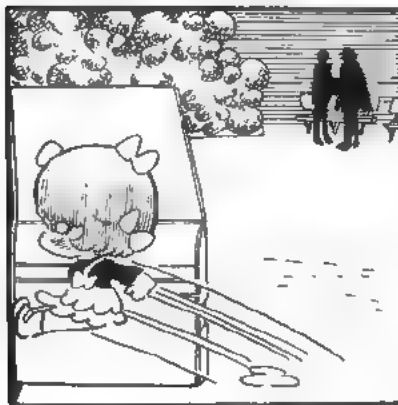
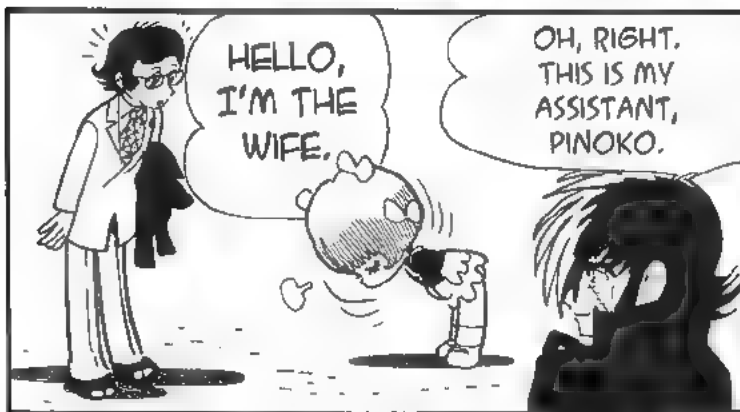


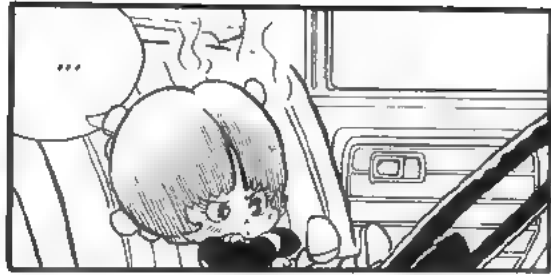
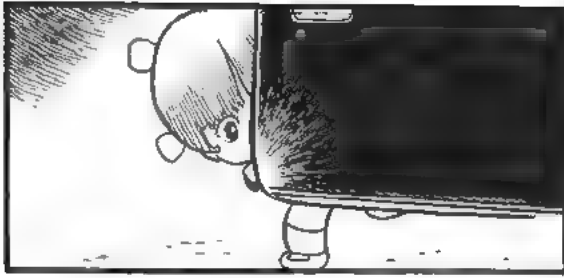










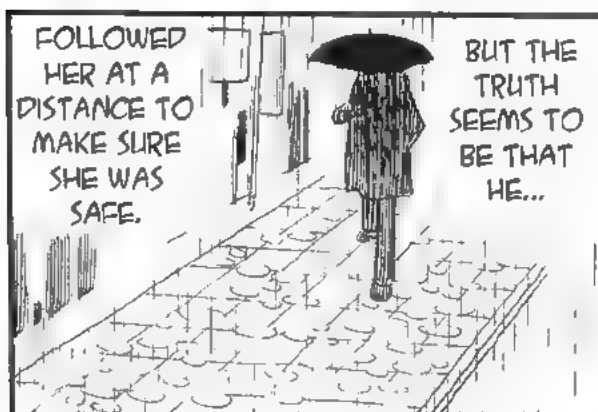
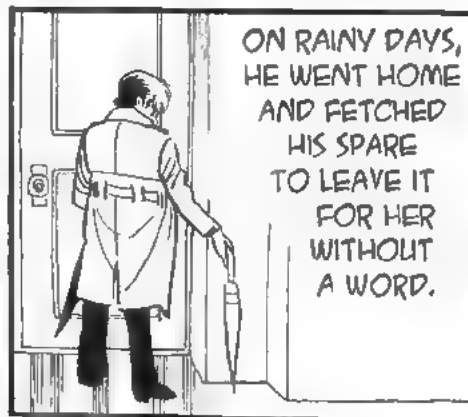






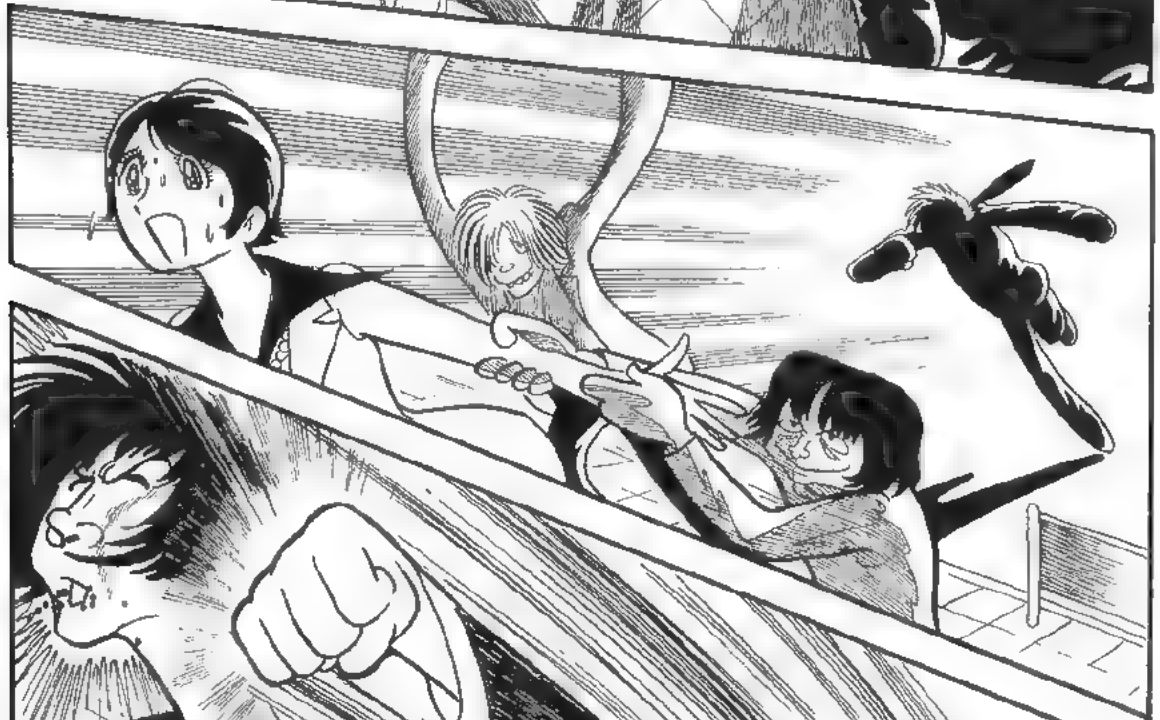


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THAT BECAME  
CLEAR WHEN,  
ONE NIGHT,  
SHE WAS  
ATTACKED  
BY A GROUP  
OF PUNKS.





PERHAPS  
IT WAS HIS  
COLDNESS;  
MORE LIKELY,  
HIS FACE  
MADE  
PEOPLE  
UNEASY.

YES.  
AMONG THE STAFF  
AND AT SCHOOL,  
DR. BLACK JACK  
WAS AN OUTCAST.

BUT  
MEGUMI  
FELT  
THAT  
SHE'D...

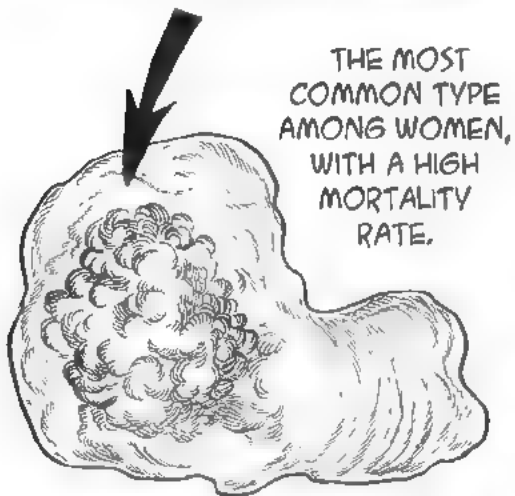
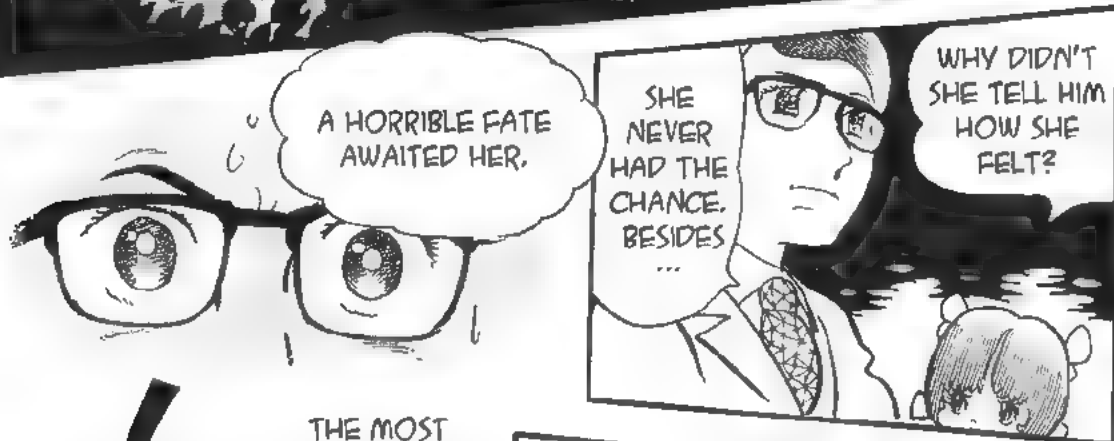
WHEN  
HE WAS  
NOWHERE  
IN SIGHT,

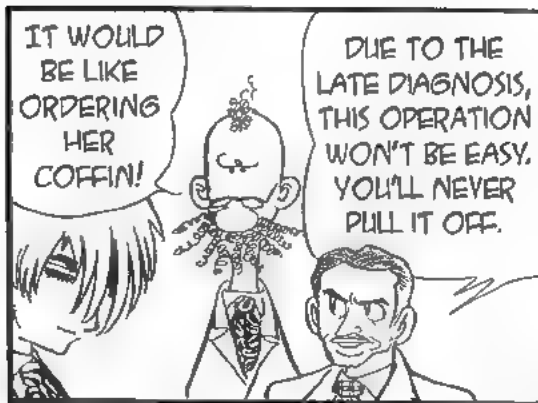
GOTTEN  
A PEEK  
OF THE  
SOUL  
BENEATH  
HIS STONY  
MASK.

SHE BECAME RESTLESS.  
JUST SPOTTING  
HIS FIGURE AMIDST  
A CROWD WAS  
EVENTUALLY ENOUGH  
TO MAKE HER HEART  
FLUTTER.

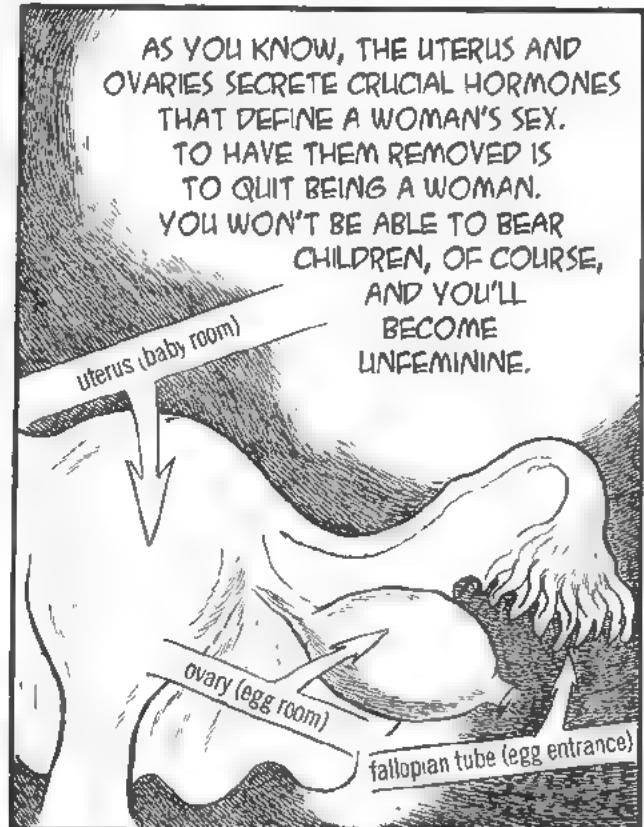
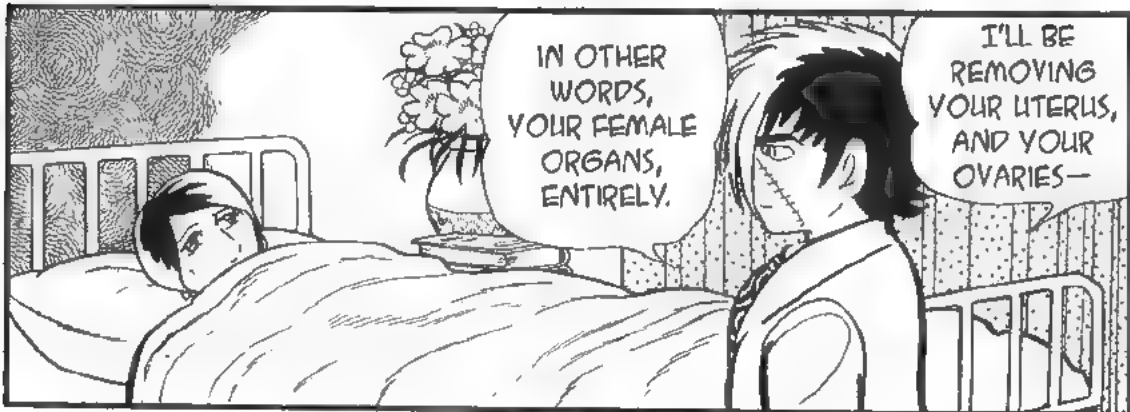
DID HE  
KNOW?  
EITHER WAY,  
HE WAS  
AWFULLY  
ABRUPT  
WITH HER.

SHE REALIZED  
THAT SHE WAS  
FALLING  
IN LOVE  
WITH HIM.

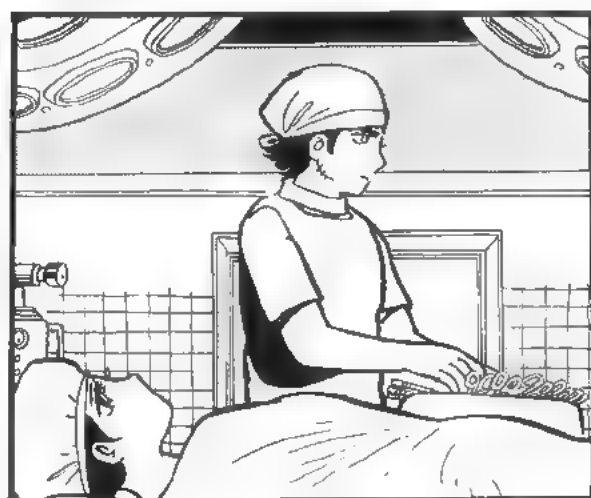
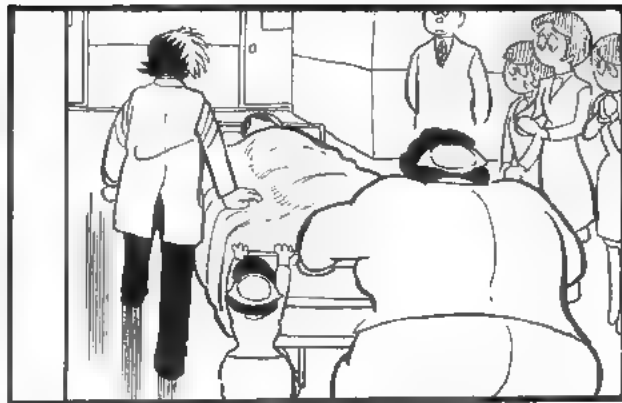
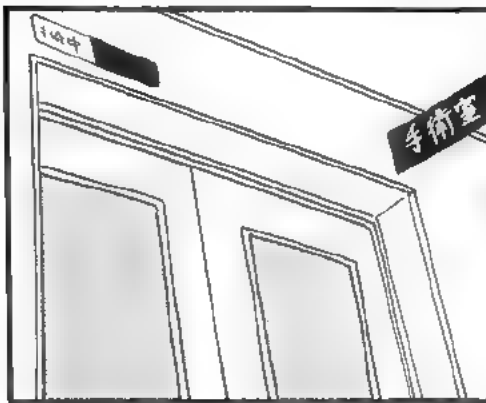


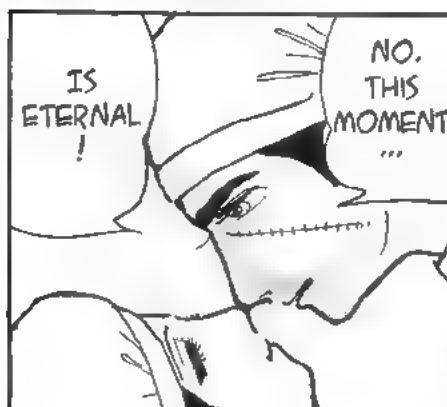
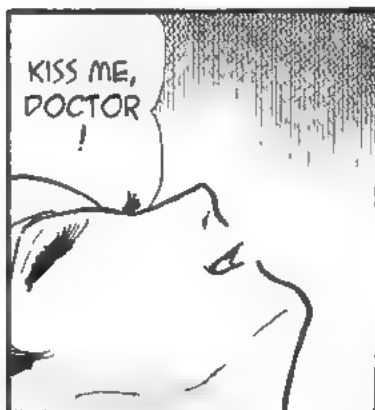
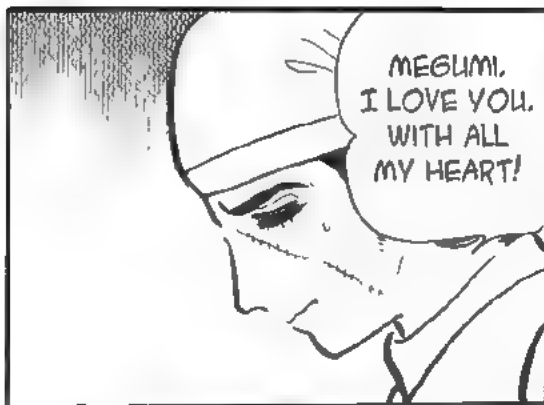


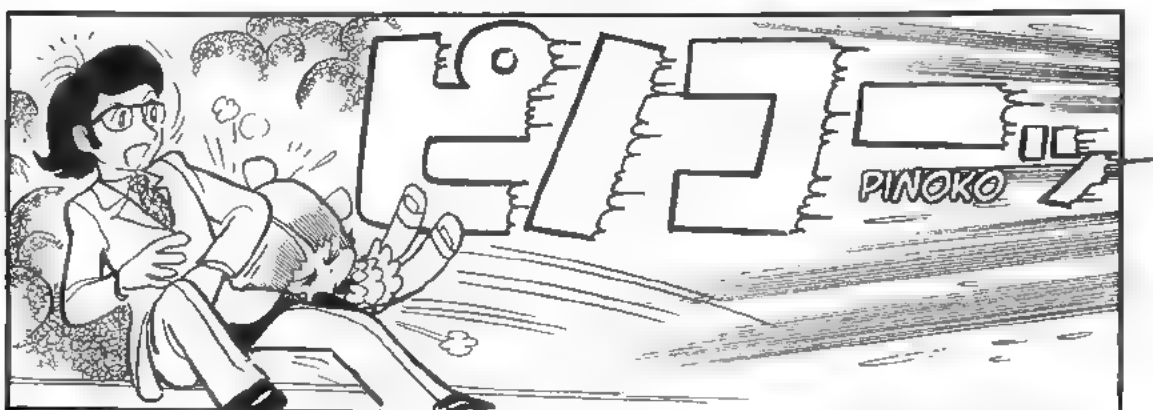
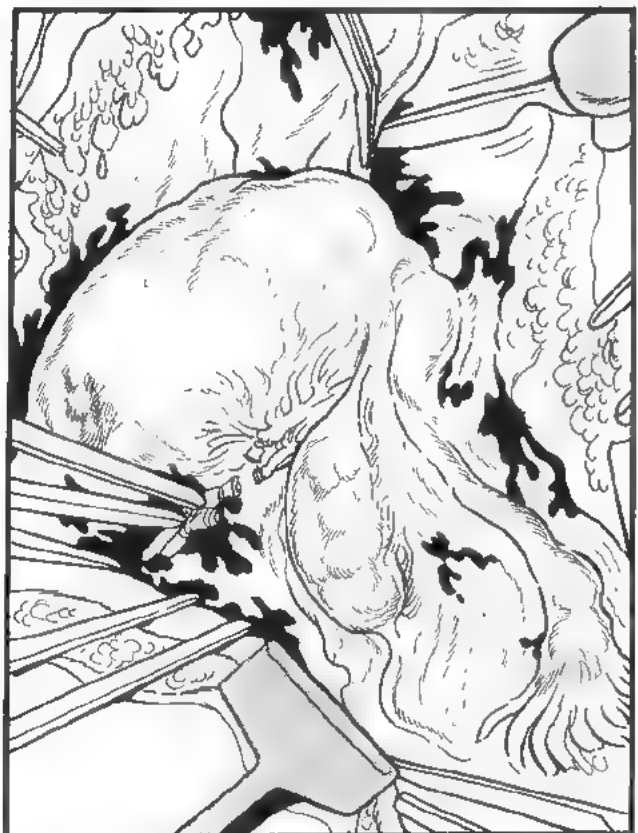


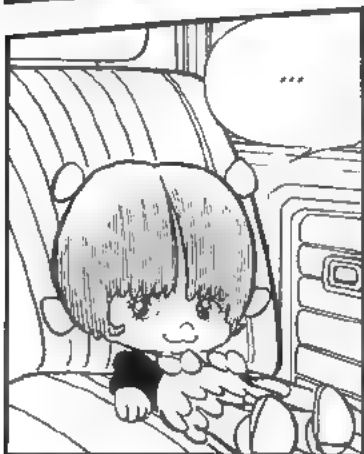


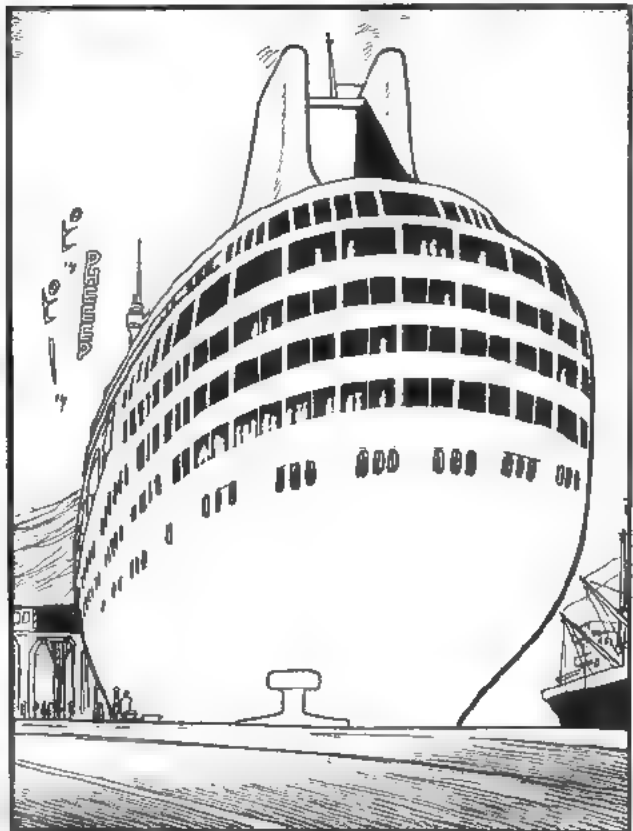
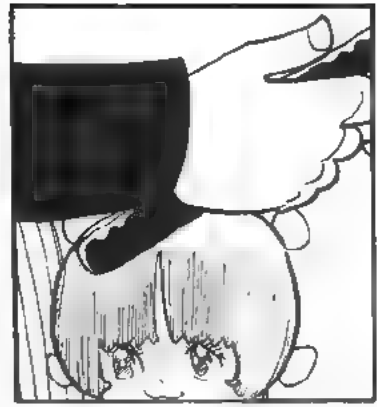
NOTE: INFORMED CONSENT WAS VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT IN JAPAN ESPECIALLY WITH CANCER. THE TRUTH WAS USUALLY CONCEALED FROM THE PATIENT BUT SHARED WITH THE CLOSEST FAMILY MEMBER.

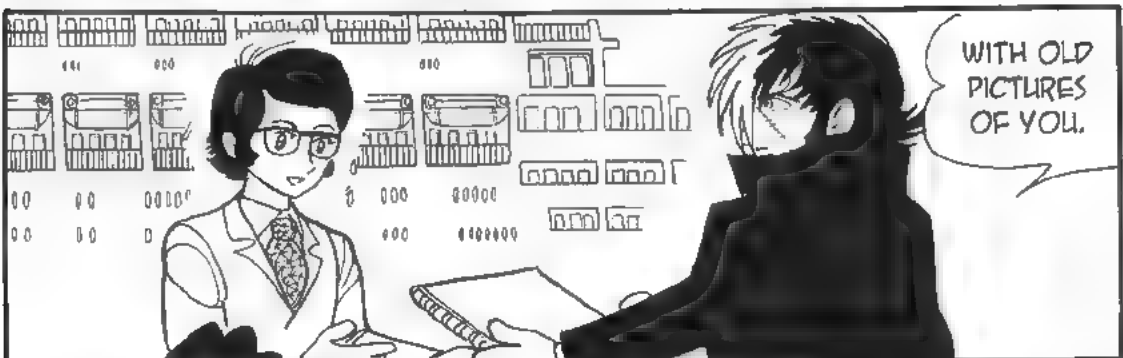






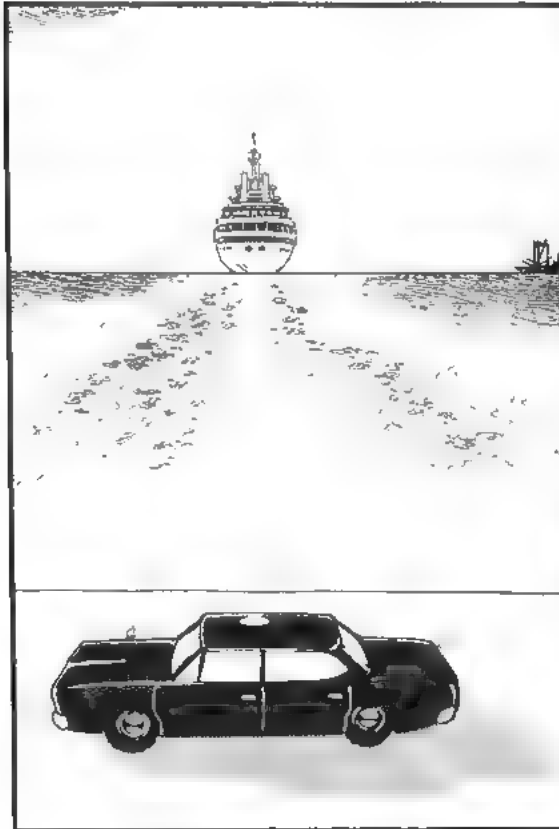
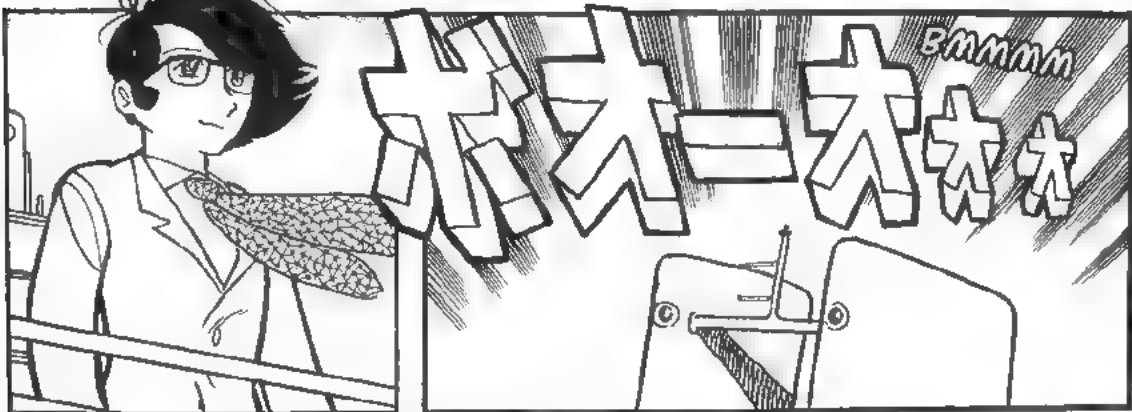
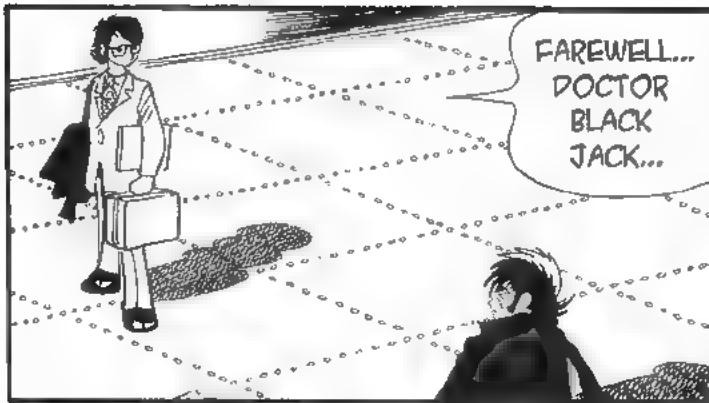




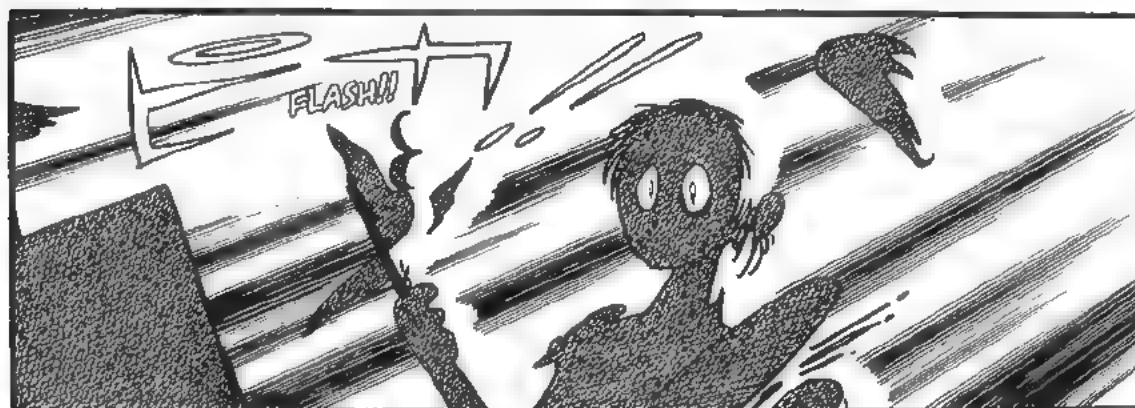
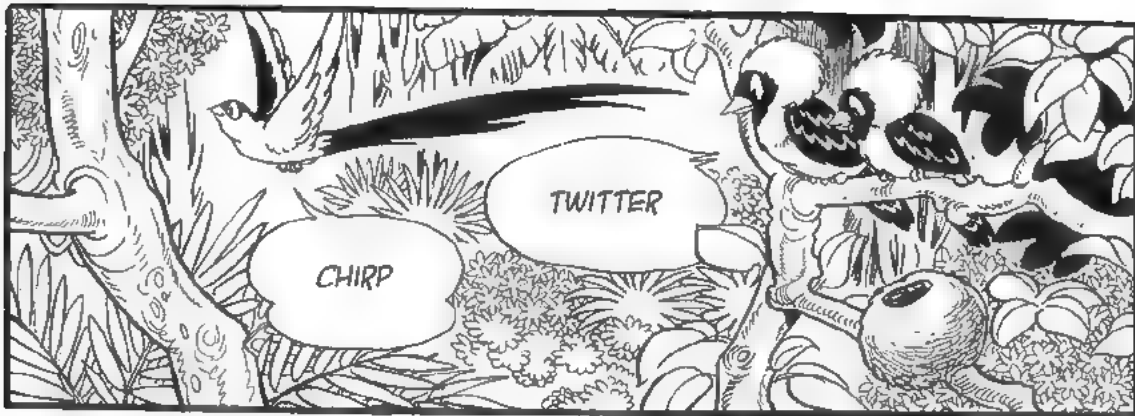


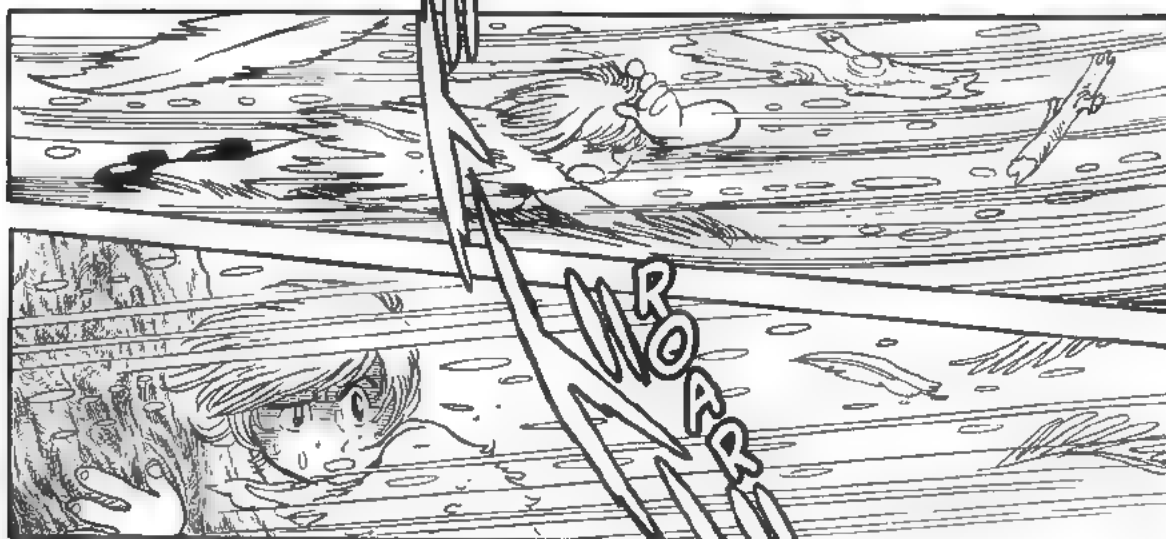
NOTE: KISARAGI'S FIRST NAME, "KEI," AND "MEGUMI" ARE ALTERNATE READINGS OF THE SAME CHINESE CHARACTER.



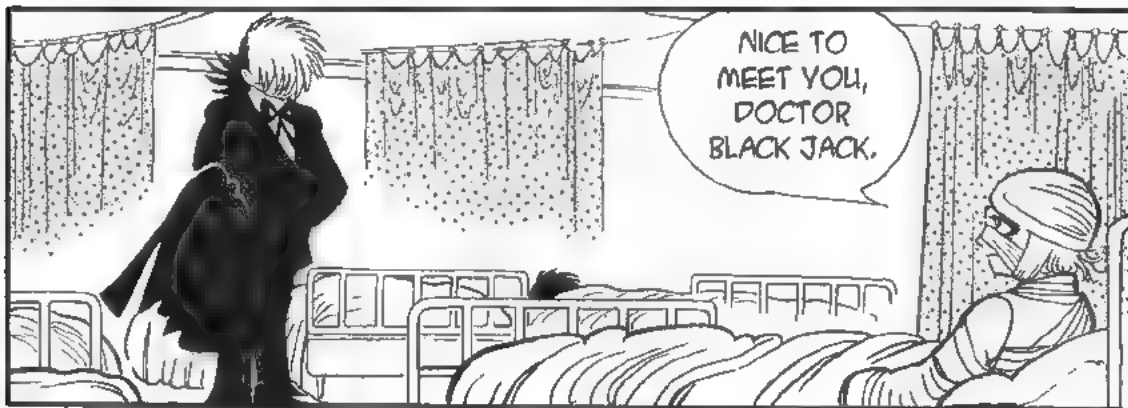
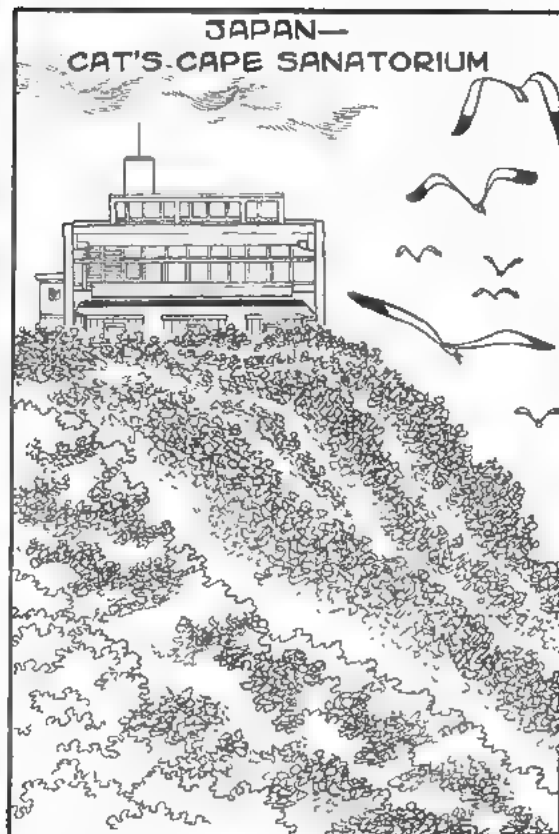


THE PAINTING IS DEAD!









NOTE: "GO GAN" ALLIDES TO PAUL GAUGUIN, WHOSE WANDERINGS TOOK HIM TO POLYNESIA.



I'M SURE THE  
GOVERNMENT OF NATION K DID  
ISSUE AN EVACUATION WARNING  
TO ALL PERSONS IN THE VICINITY...

THE TEST WAS  
PERFORMED BY  
NATION K, WHICH  
RECENTLY DEVELOPED  
NUKES.

BUT I WAS  
STAYING IN THE  
ISLAND'S  
INTERIOR  
AND DIDN'T  
GET WORD.

THEY BROUGHT  
ME TO JAPAN FOR  
TREATMENT,  
BUT I KNOW  
I DON'T HAVE LONG.

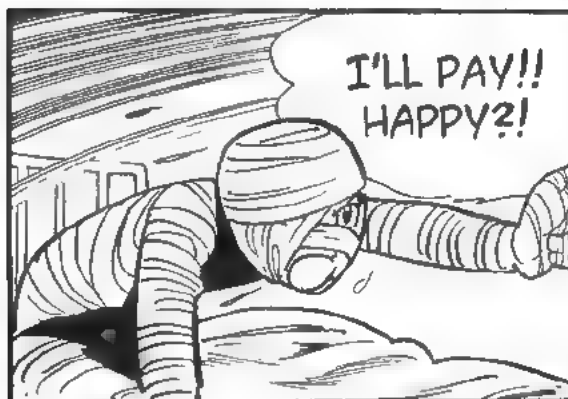
I  
WITNESSED IT  
WITH MY OWN EYES!  
THE ISLAND ANNIHILATED,  
AWASH IN BLOOD,  
A HELL ON EARTH!

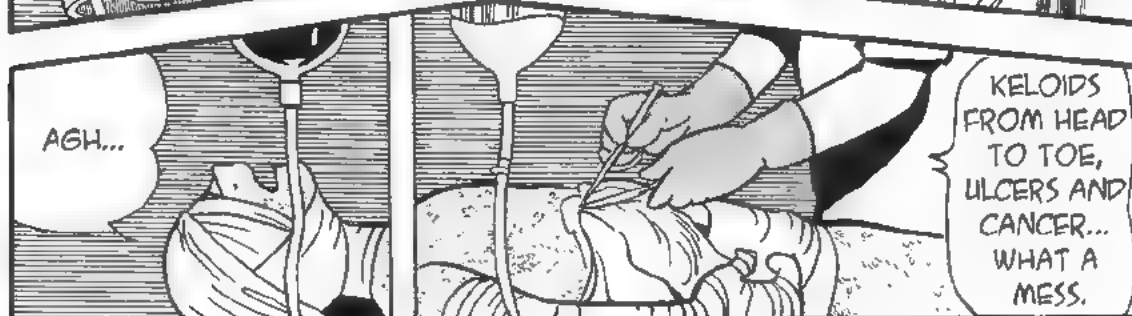
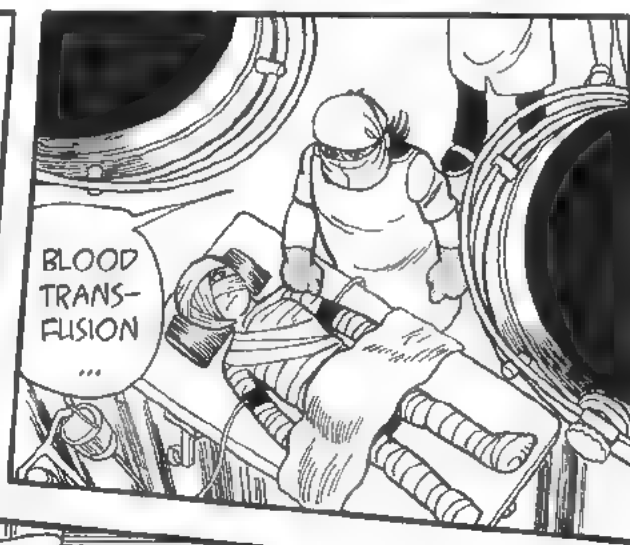
THE BLAST  
CAUGHT ME  
HEAD ON.

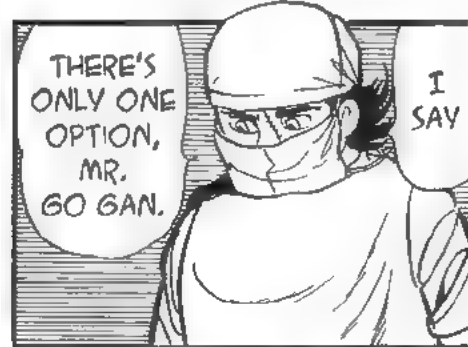


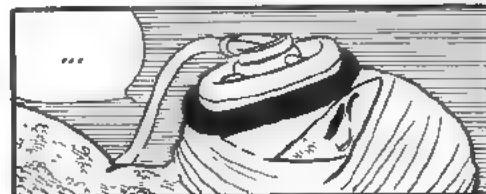
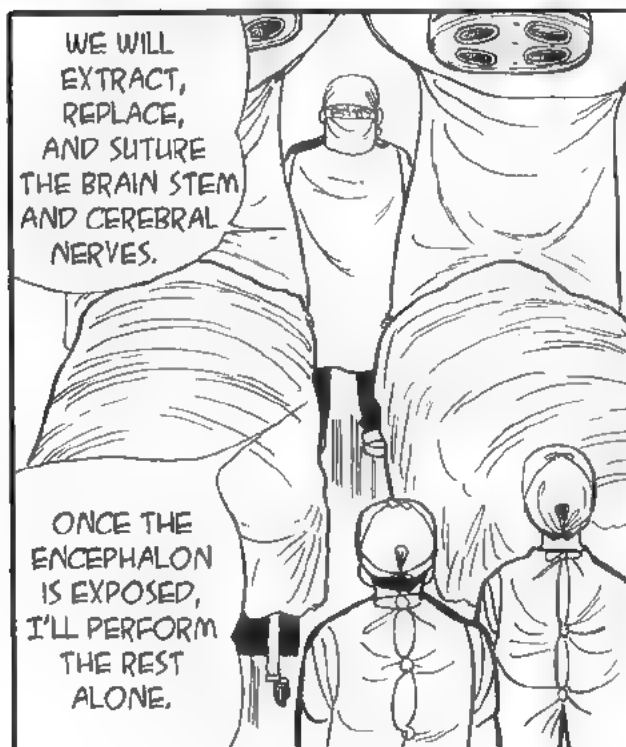
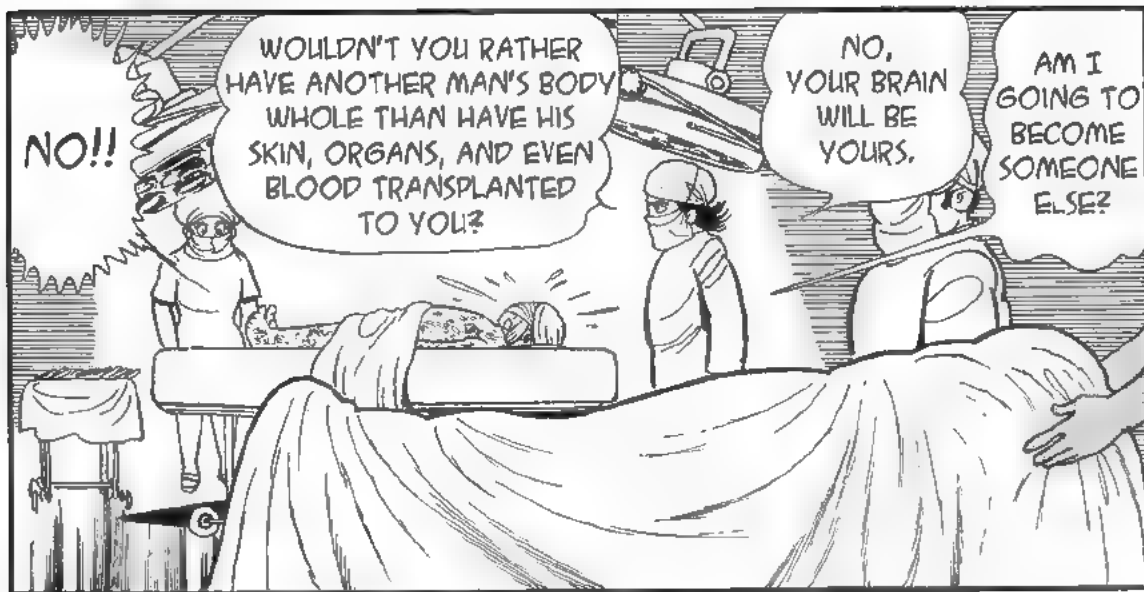


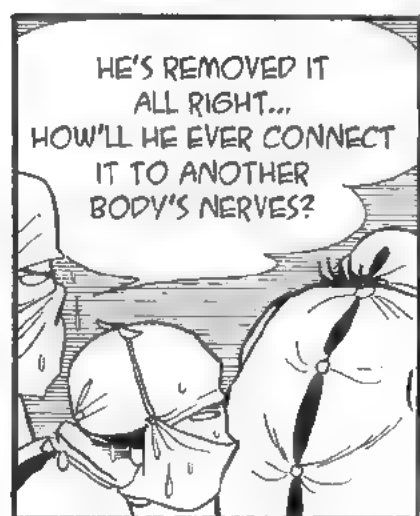
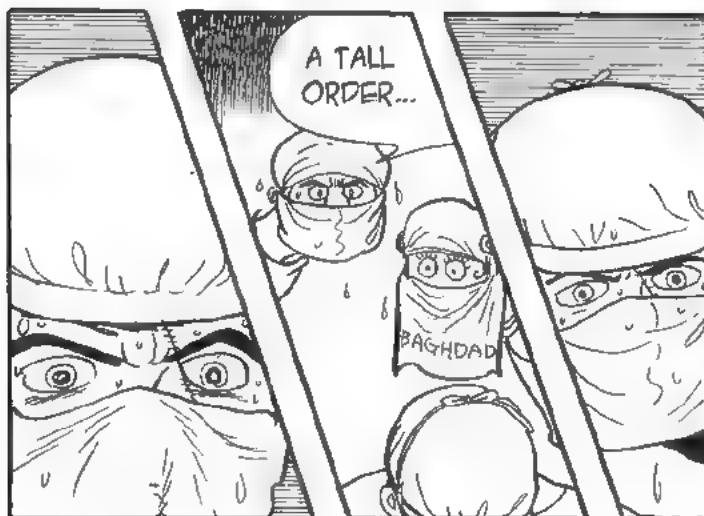
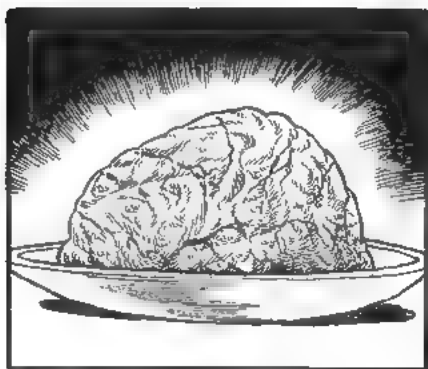
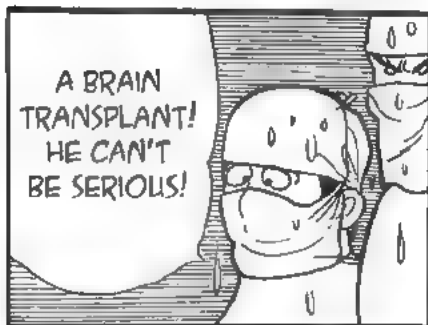
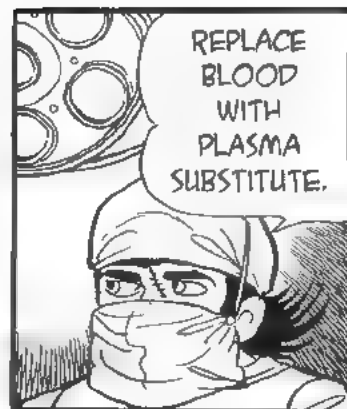
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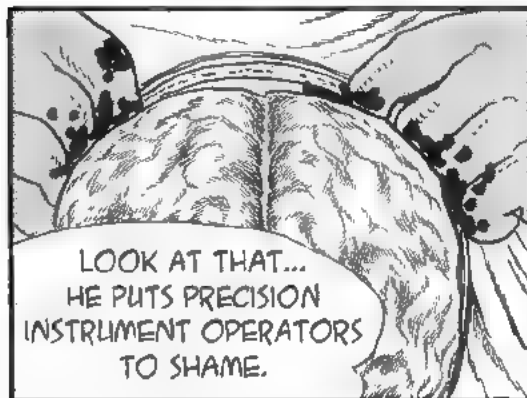
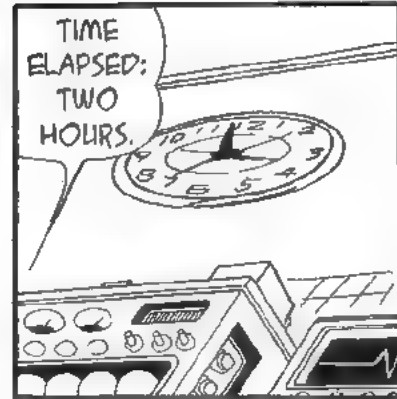
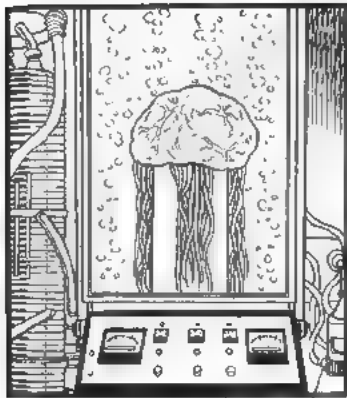






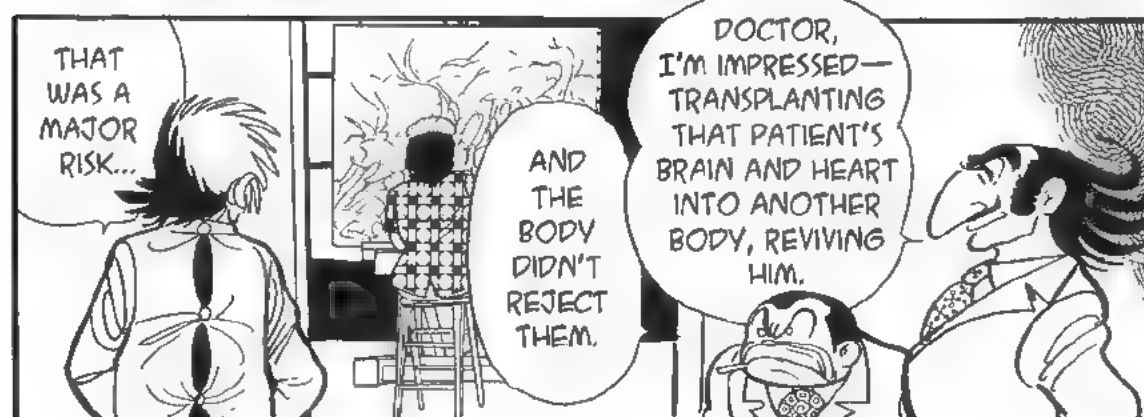
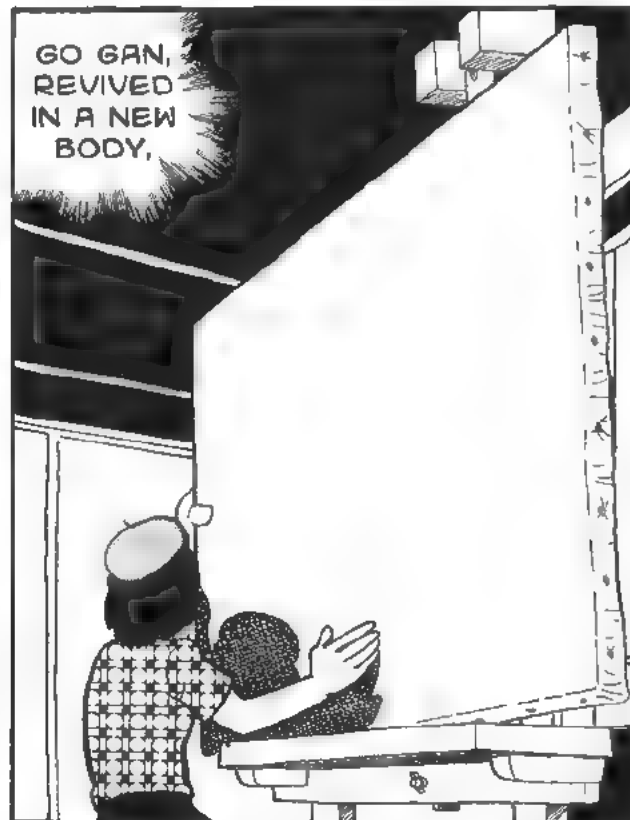
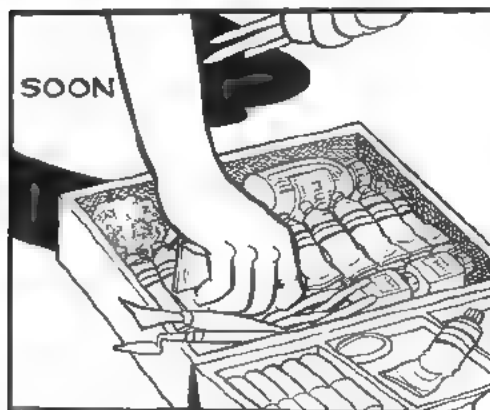




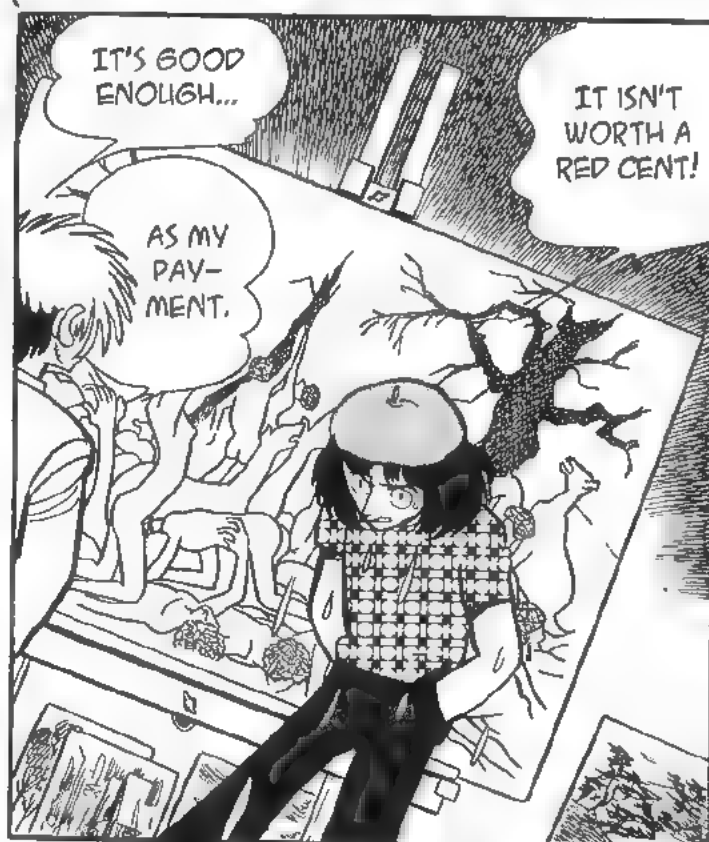


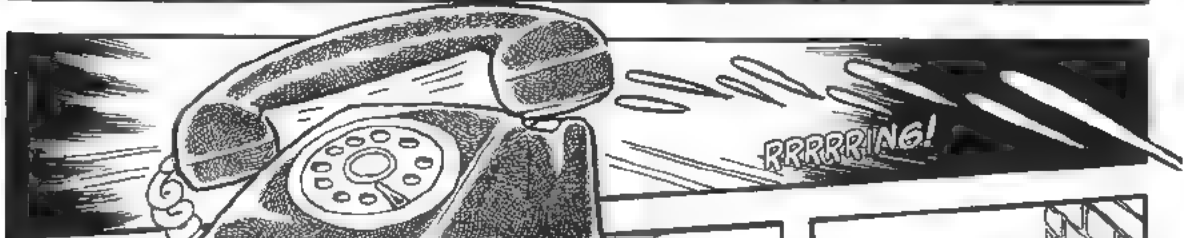
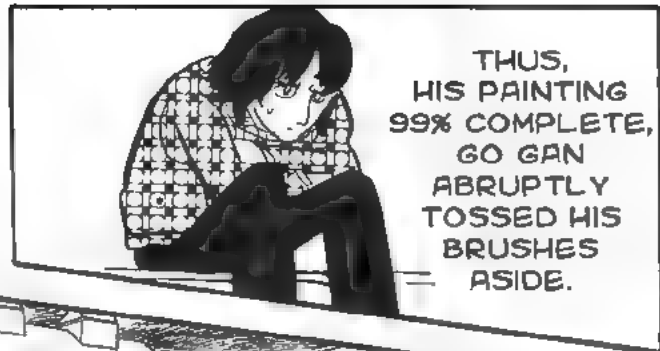
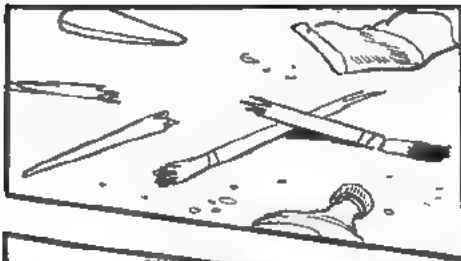
NOTE: THE FICTIONAL "DUM-DEE CULTURE MEDIUM" REFERS TO AN EPISODE ("THE TWO JANS") THAT WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE JAPANESE EDITION ON WHICH THIS COLLECTION IS BASED. THE STORY HAS BEEN APPENDED TO THE SPECIAL HARDCOVER EDITION.

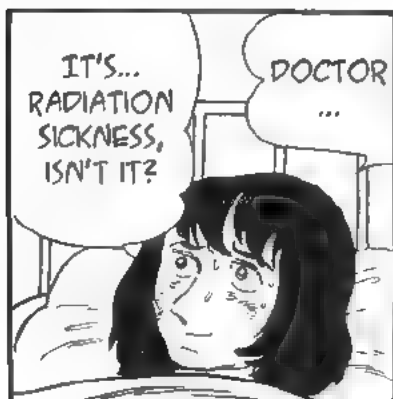




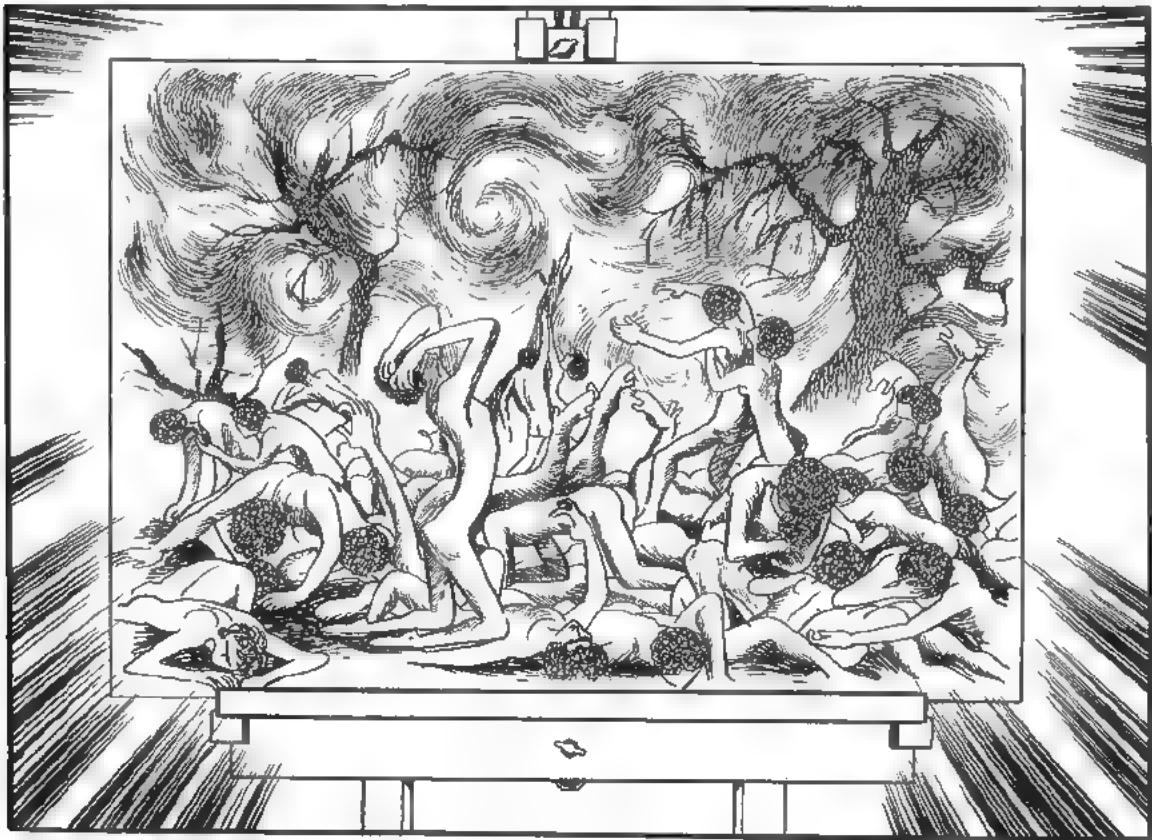






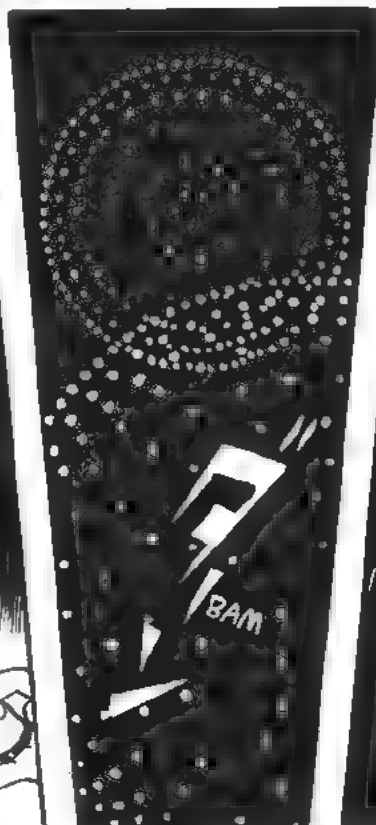




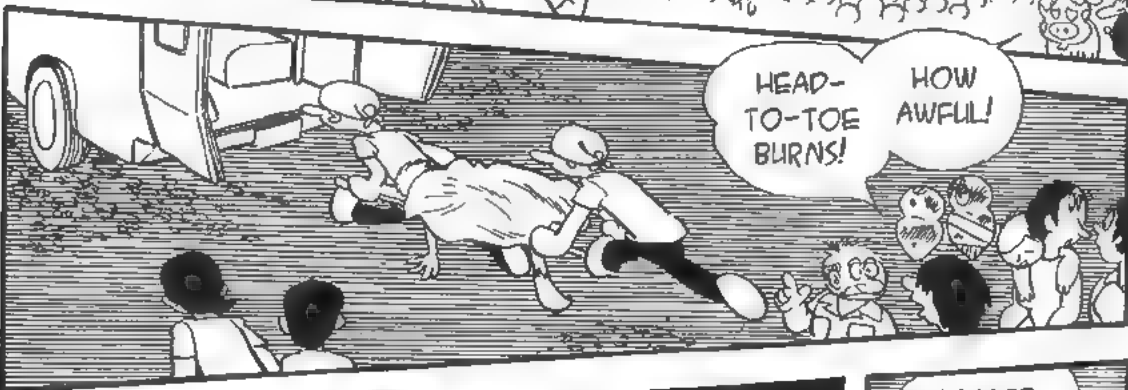




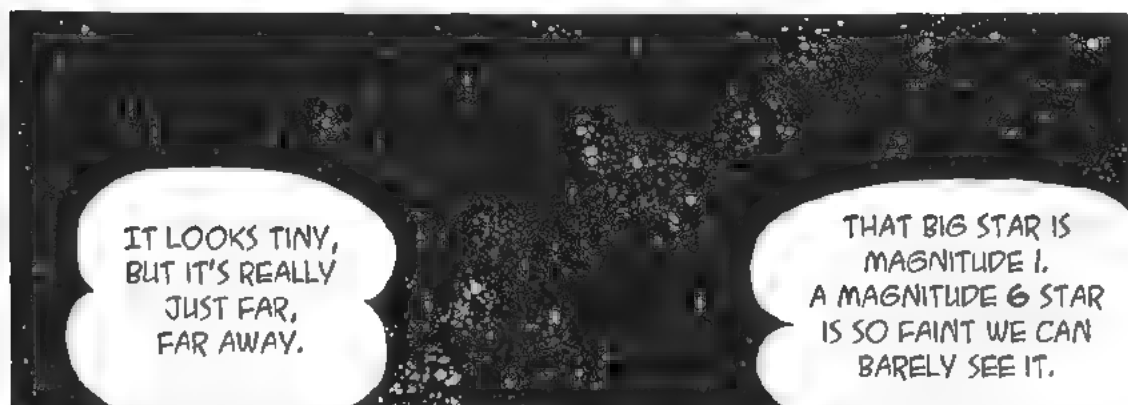
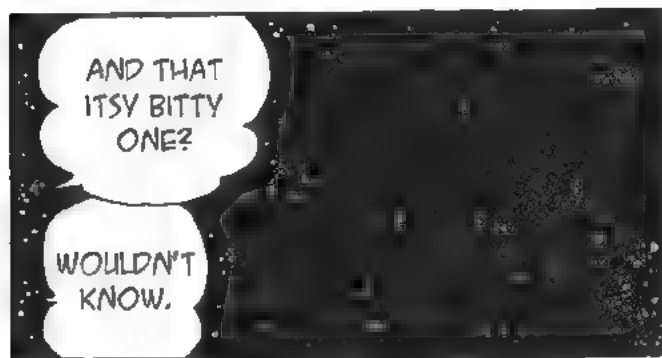
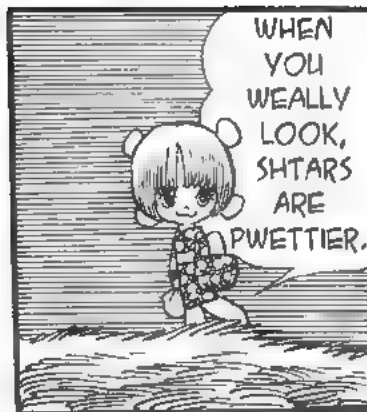
STAR, MAGNITUDE SIX







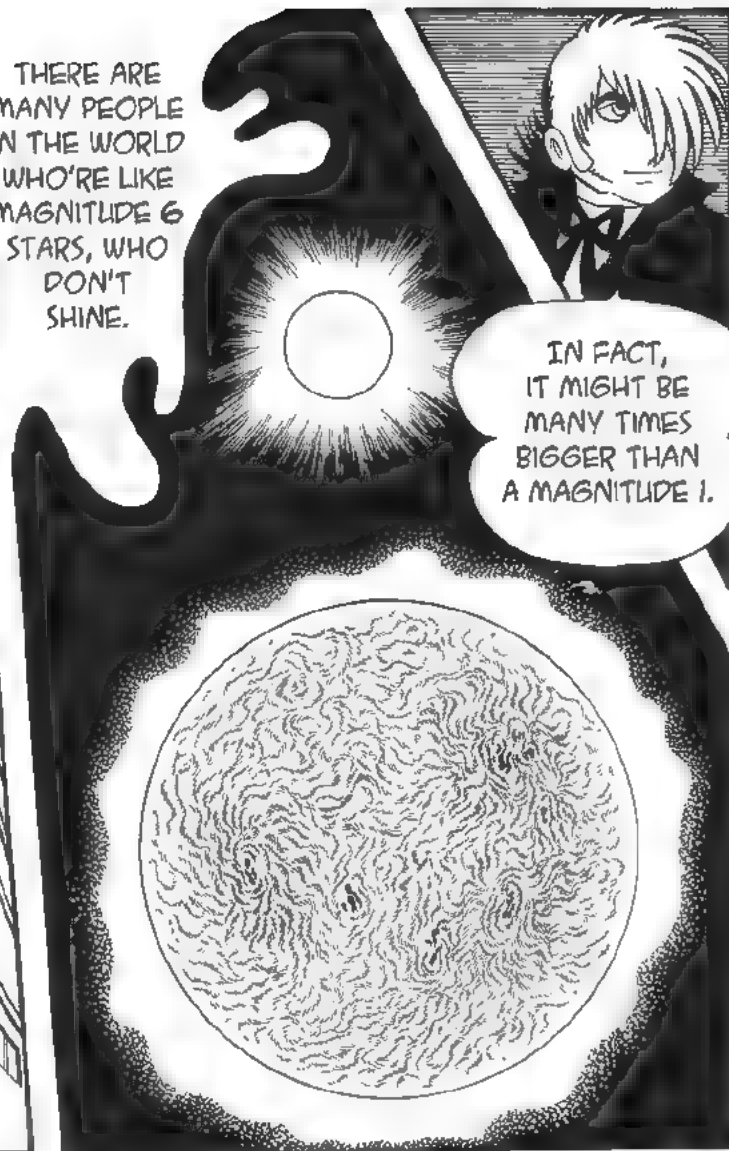




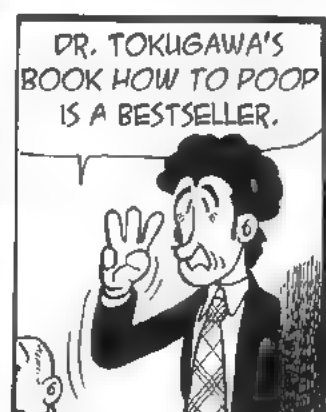
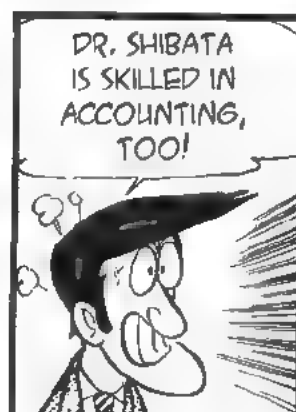
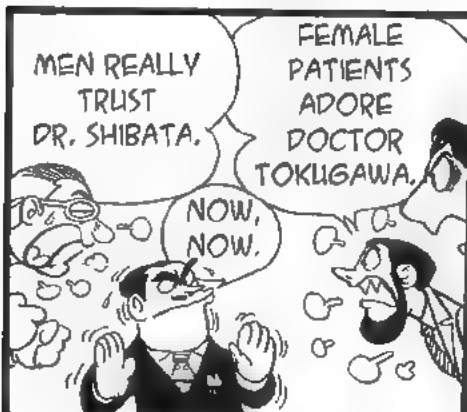
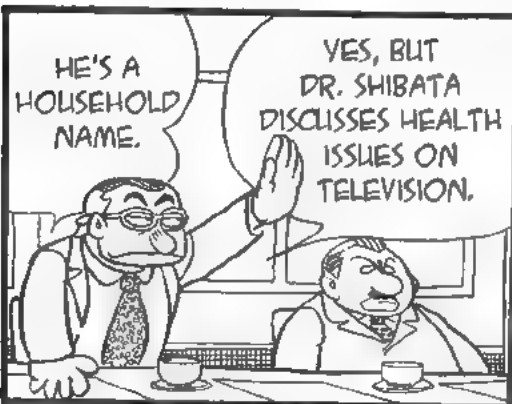
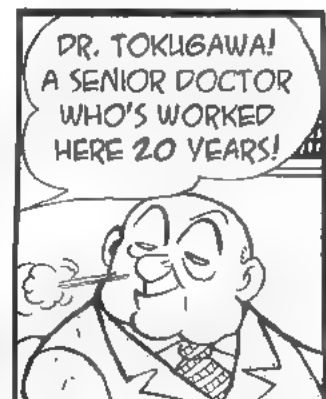
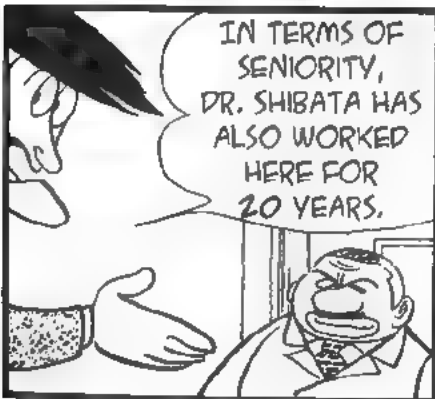
NOTE: ACCORDING TO ASIAN LEGEND, THE WEAVER AND THE COWHERD ARE LOVERS WHO MEET JUST ONCE A YEAR ON JULY 7TH.

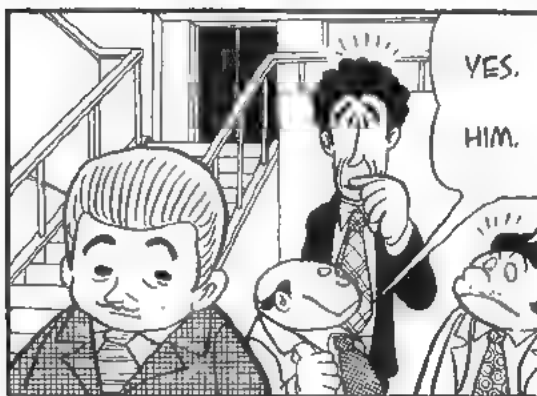


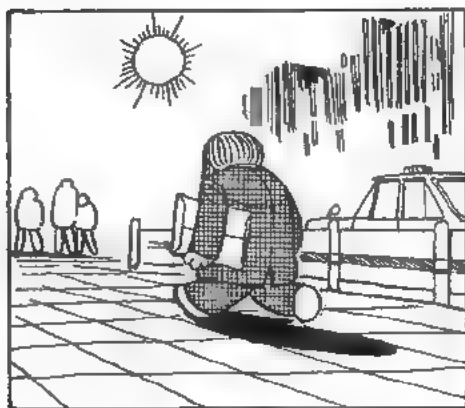
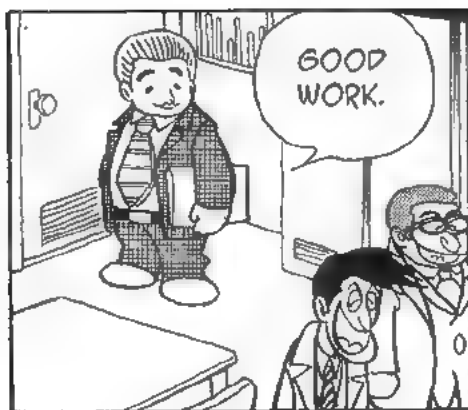
THERE ARE  
MANY PEOPLE  
IN THE WORLD  
WHO'RE LIKE  
MAGNITUDE 6  
STARS, WHO  
DON'T  
SHINE.



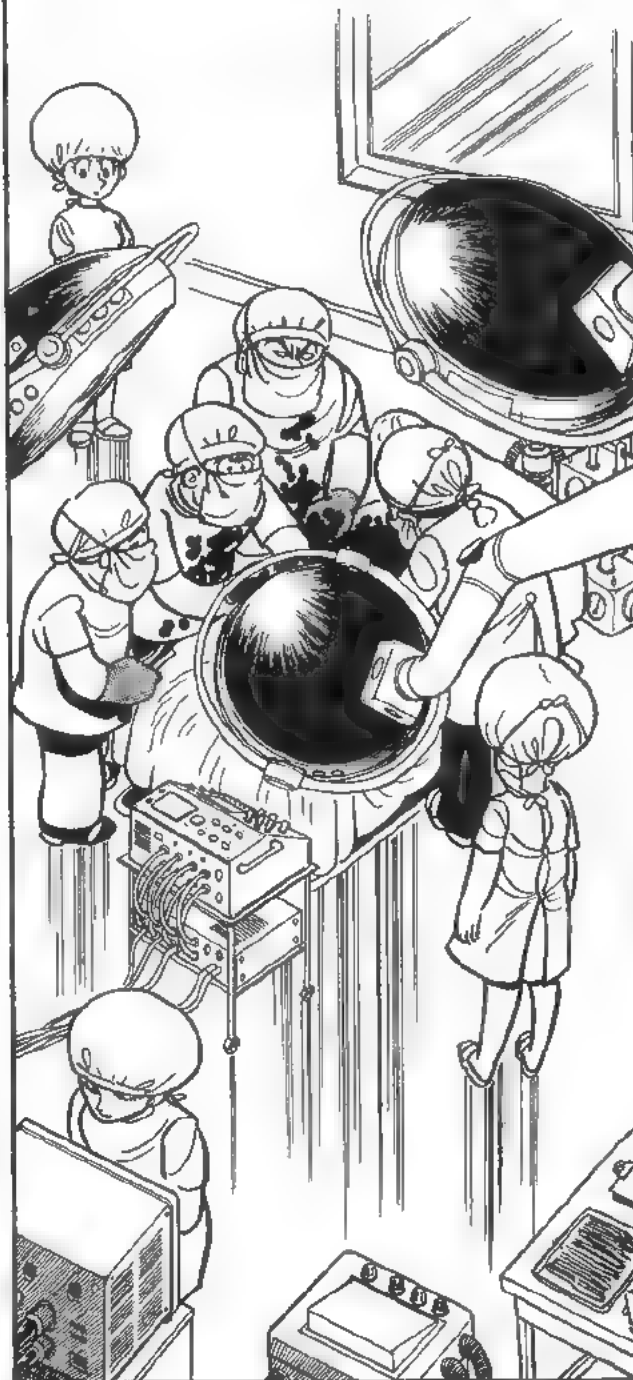


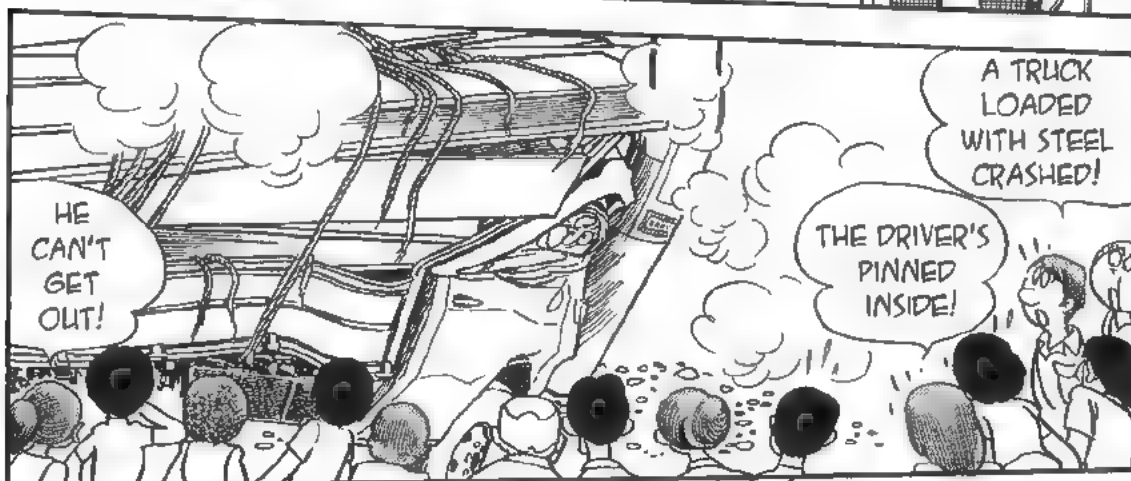


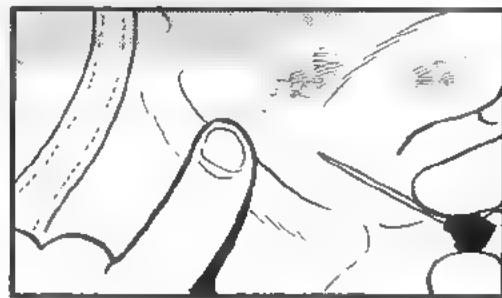
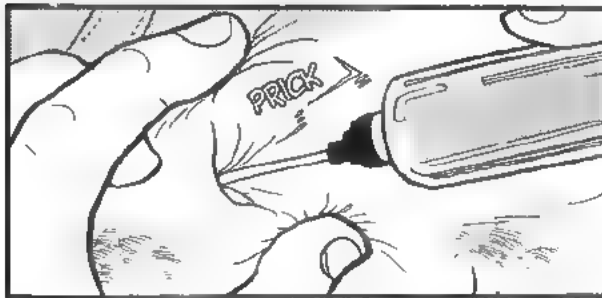
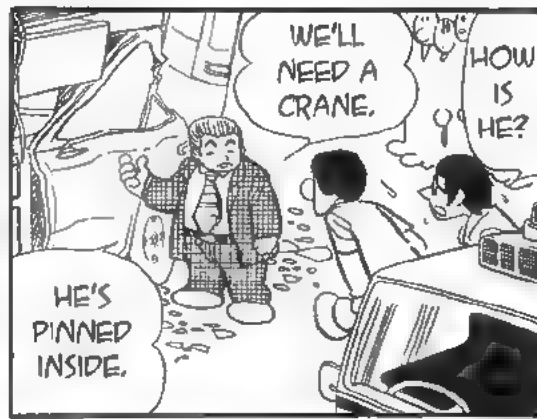
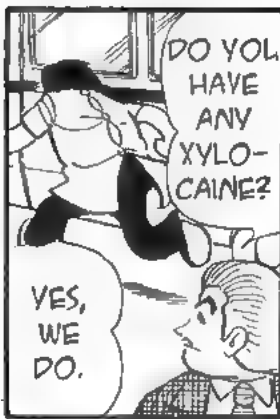


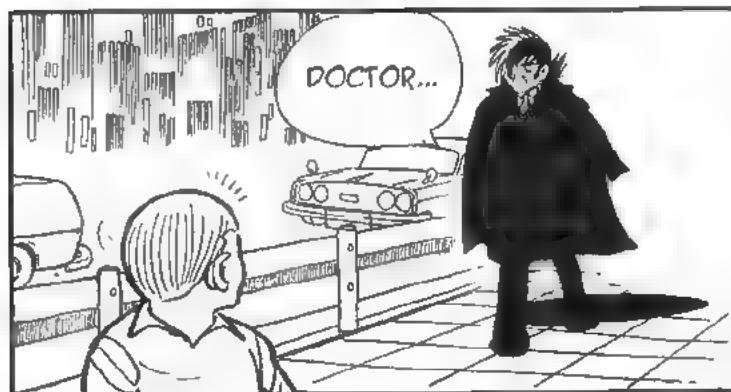
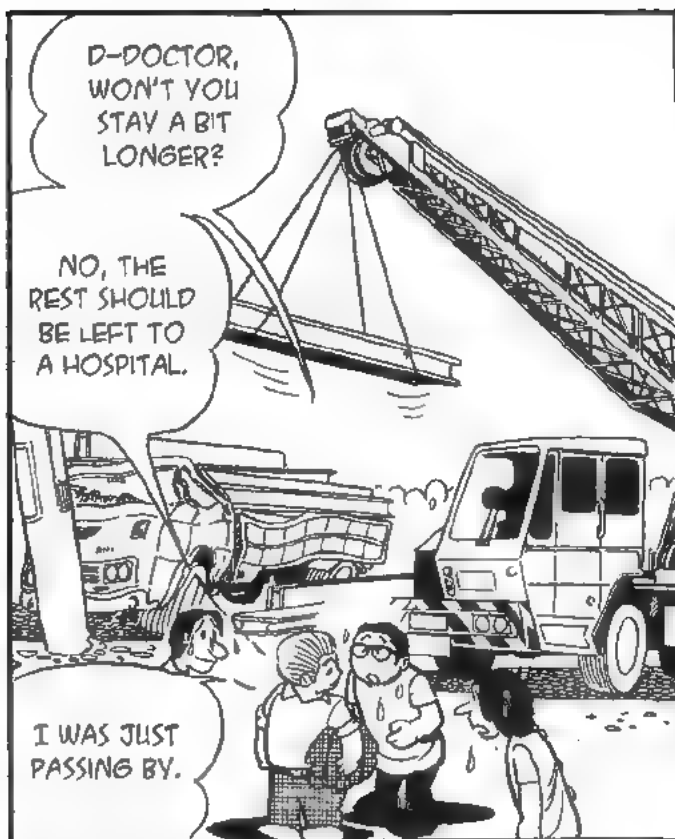


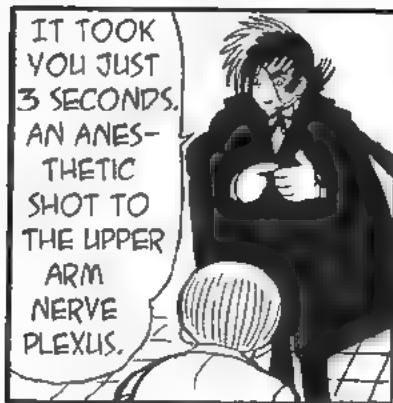
DR. SHIITAKE BLENDED RIGHT INTO THE WALLPAPER. WHEN DR. TOKUGAWA OR DR. SHIBATA WIELDED THE SCALPEL, HE ALWAYS STOOD ON THE SIDELINES AND ASSISTED. HE EVEN CAME TO BE REGARDED AS A NUISANCE.





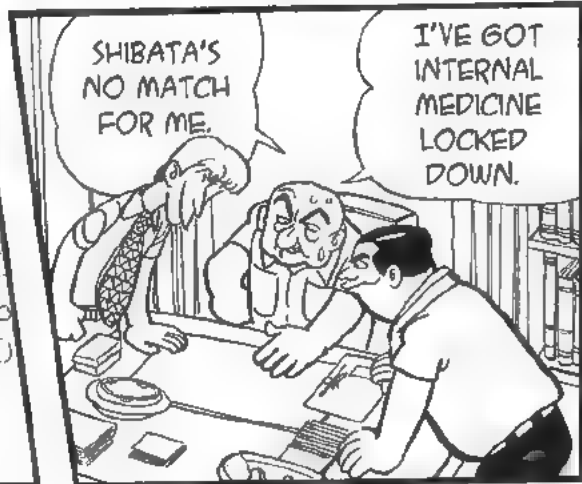
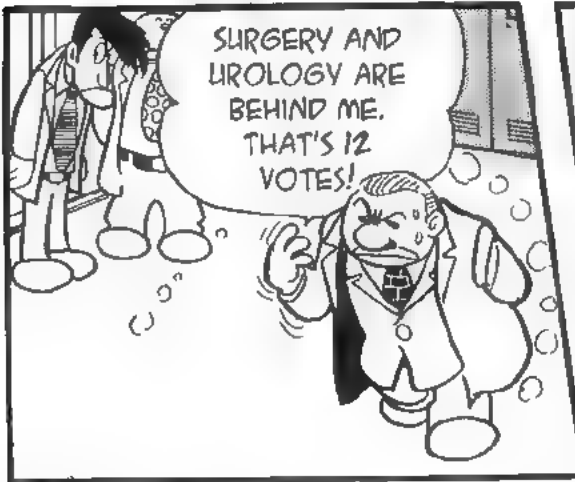
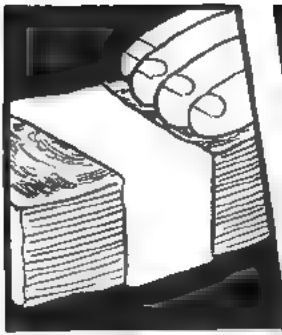










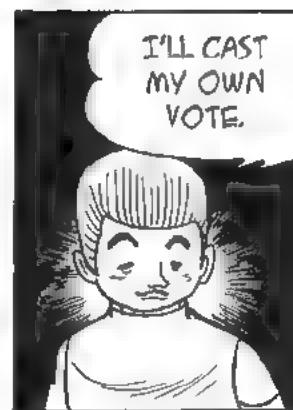


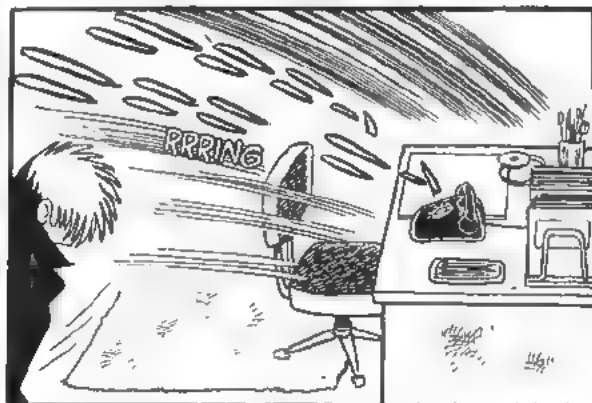
I'VE GOT  
INTERNAL  
MEDICINE  
LOCKED  
DOWN.



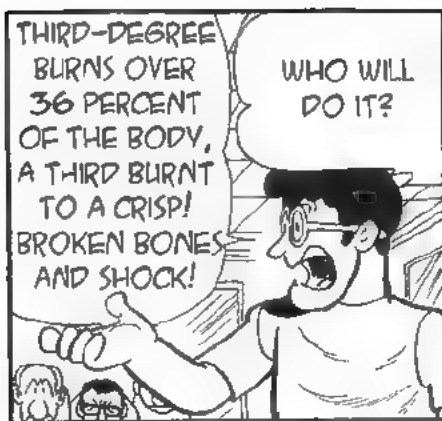
WASN'T IT  
A STUNT  
TO STEAL THE  
ELECTION FOR  
YOURSELF?

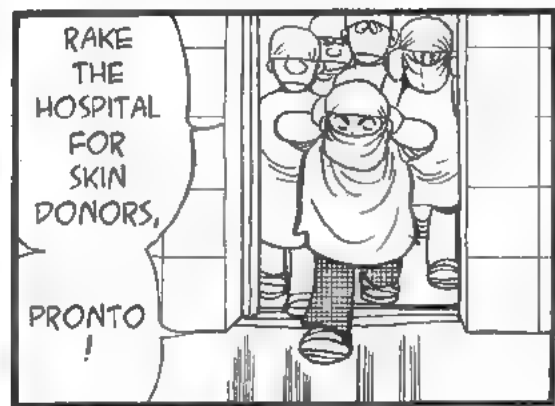




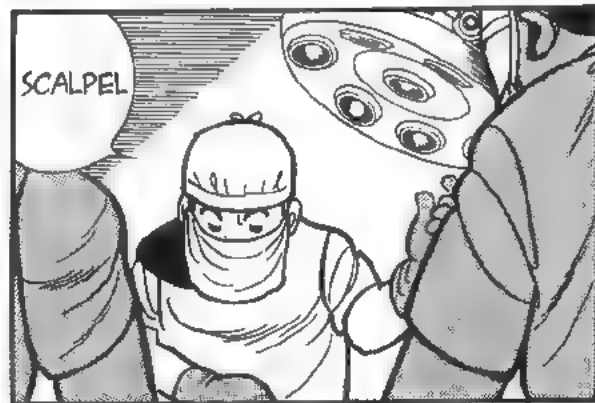
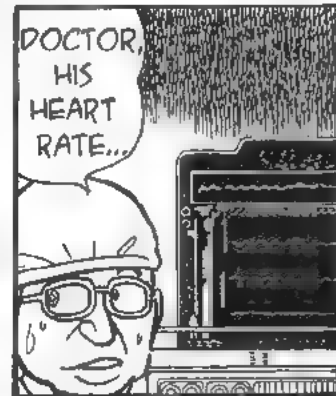
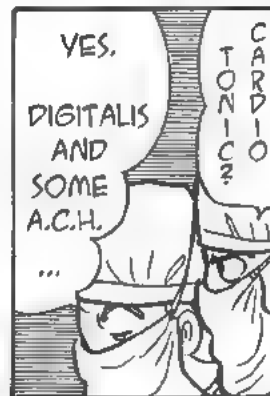


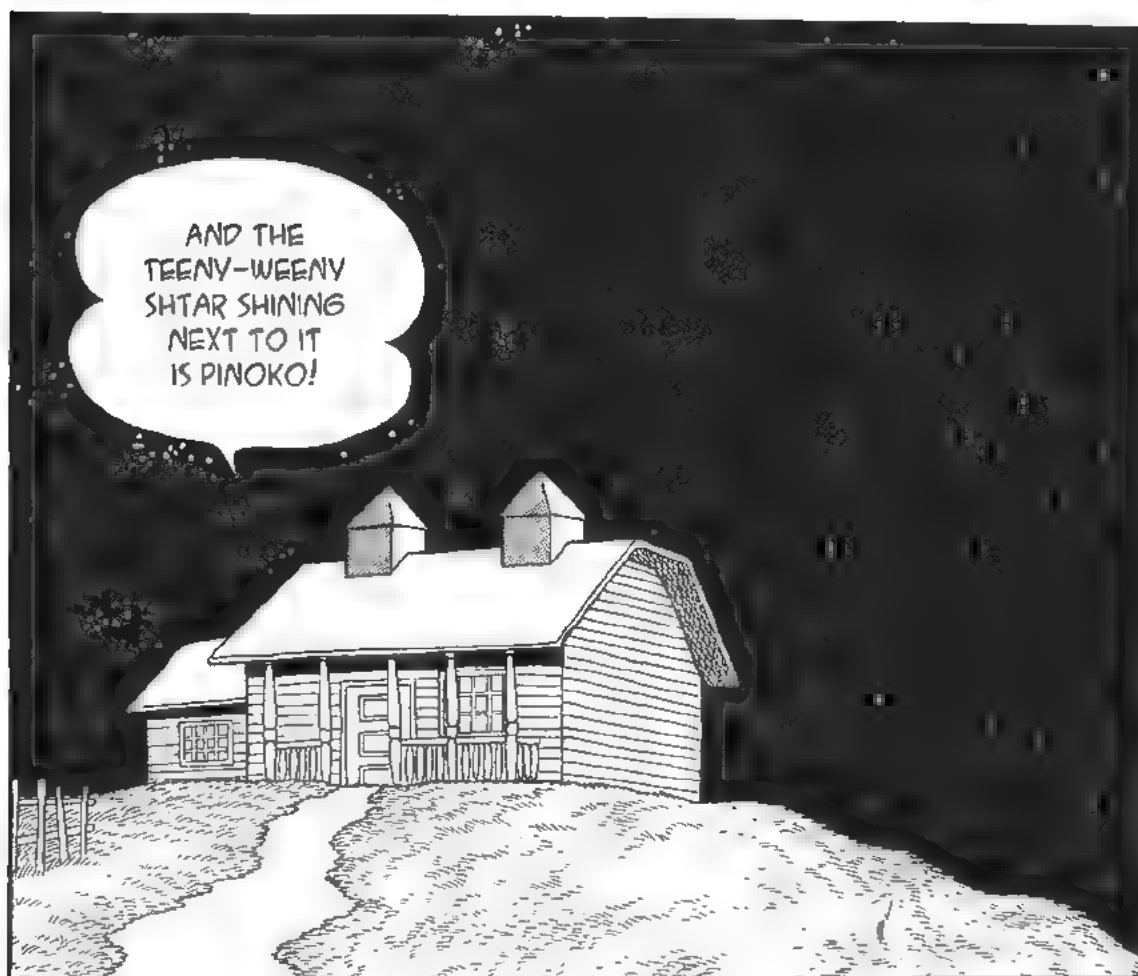
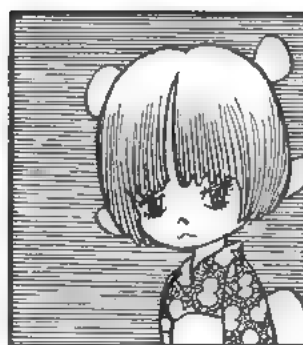




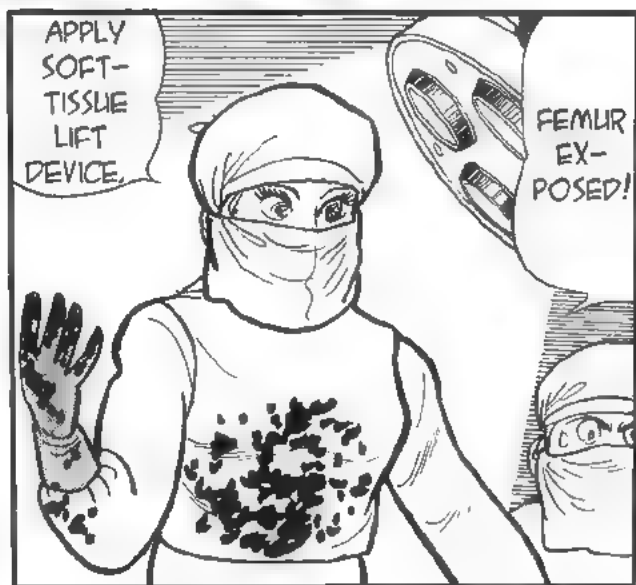
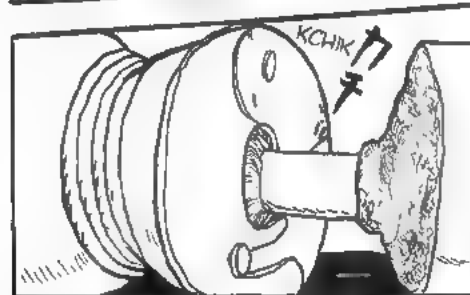
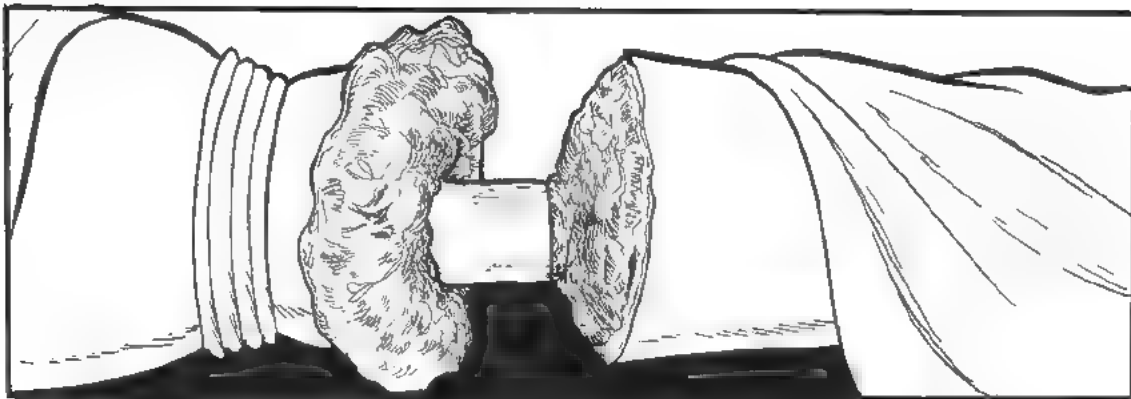


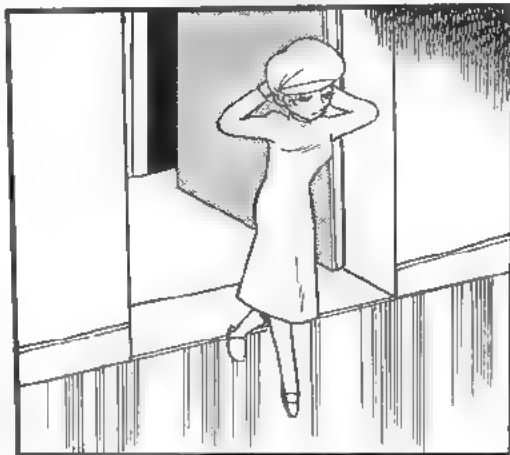


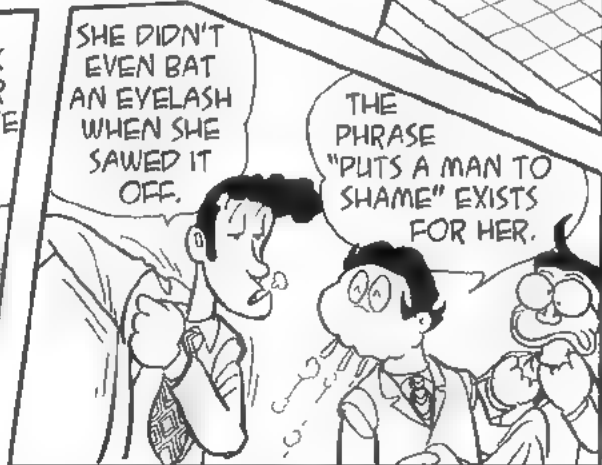
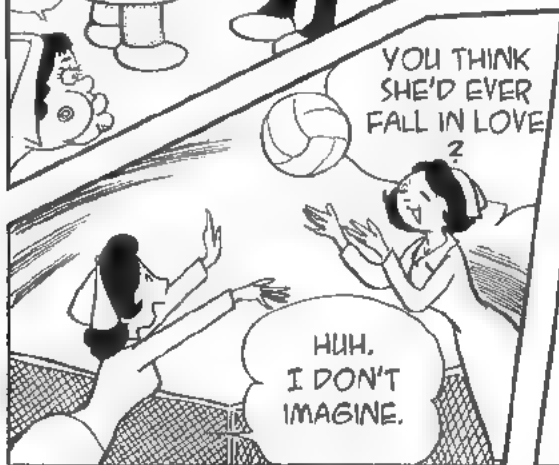
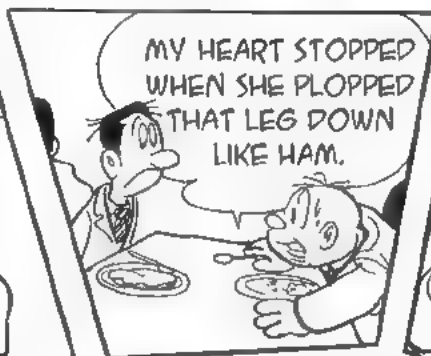


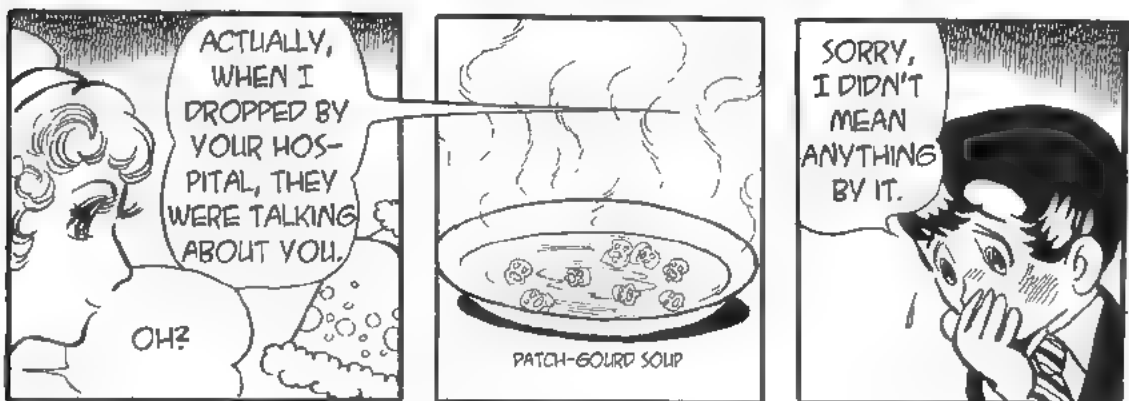


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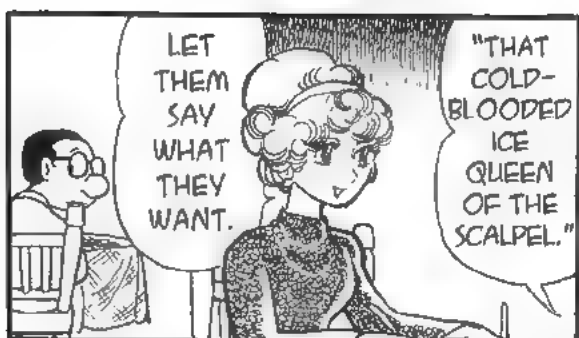


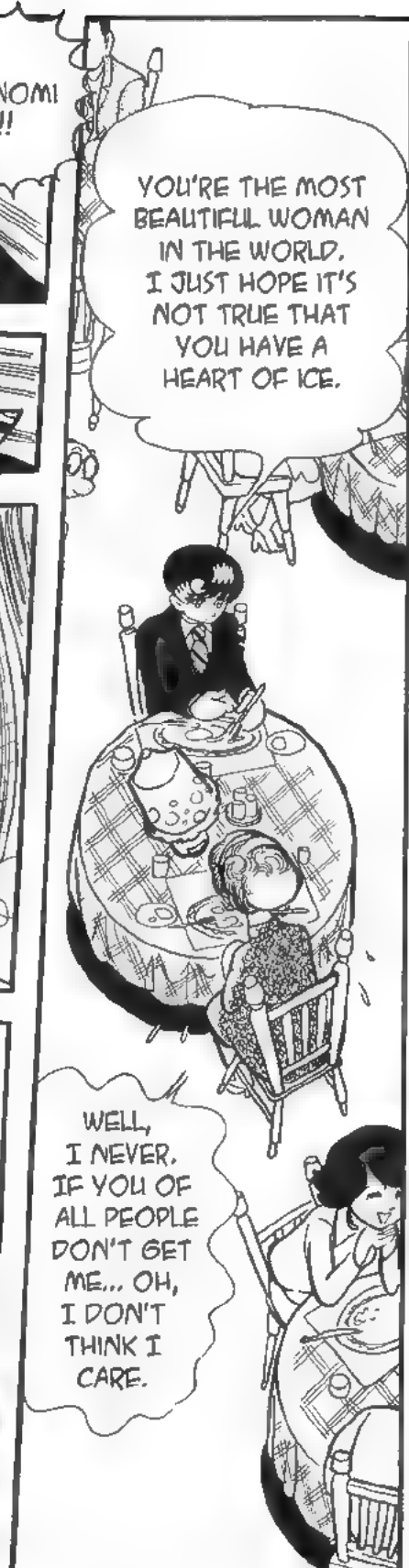
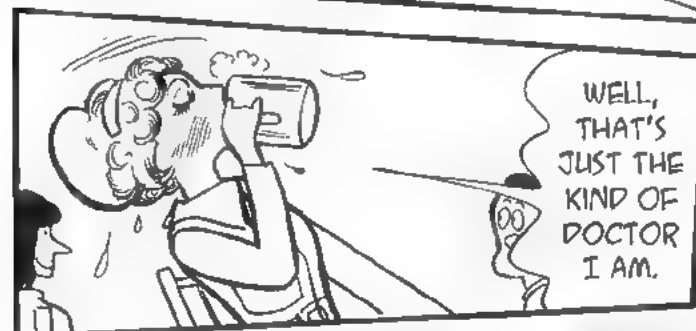
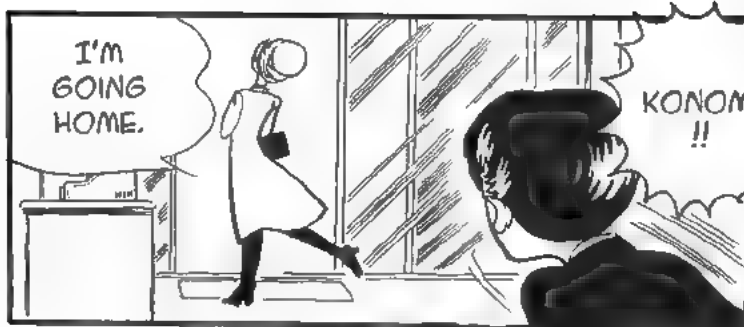


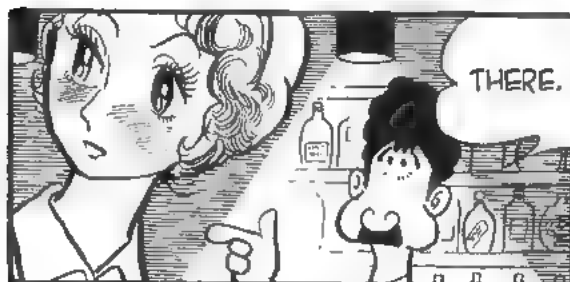


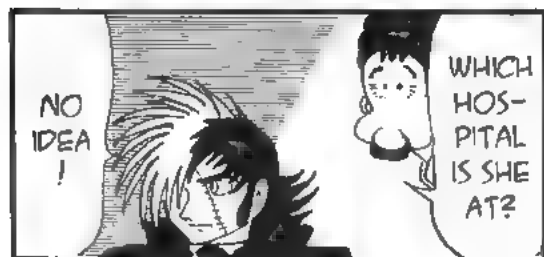




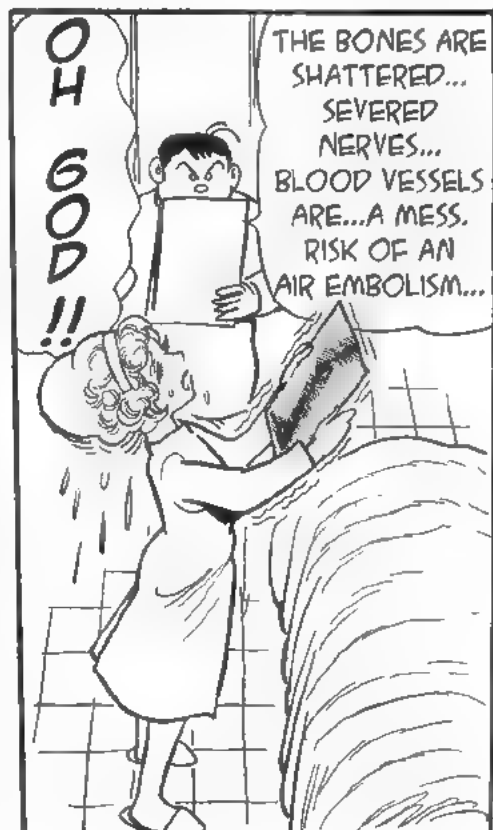
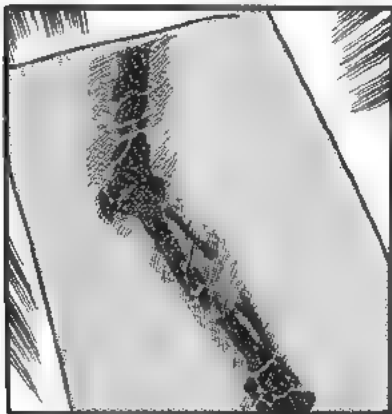
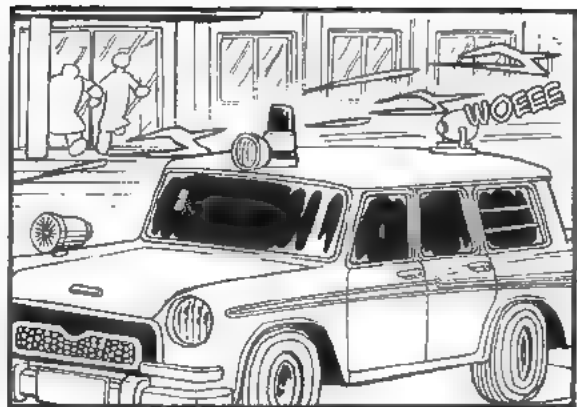






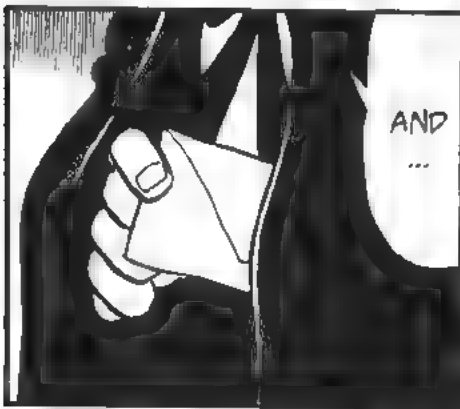
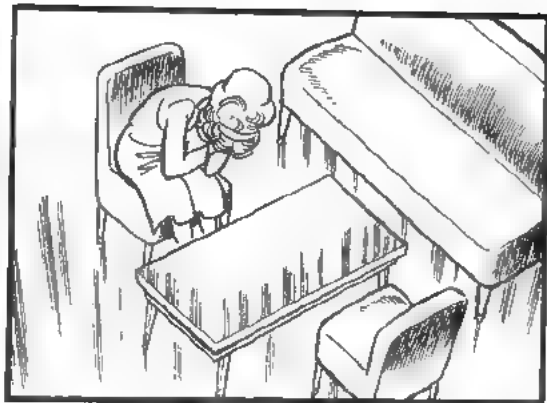


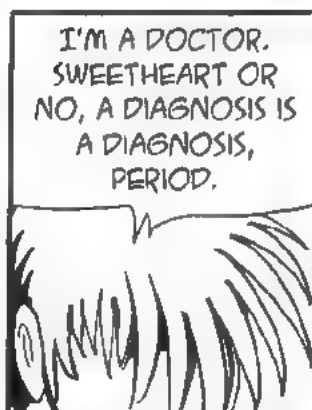
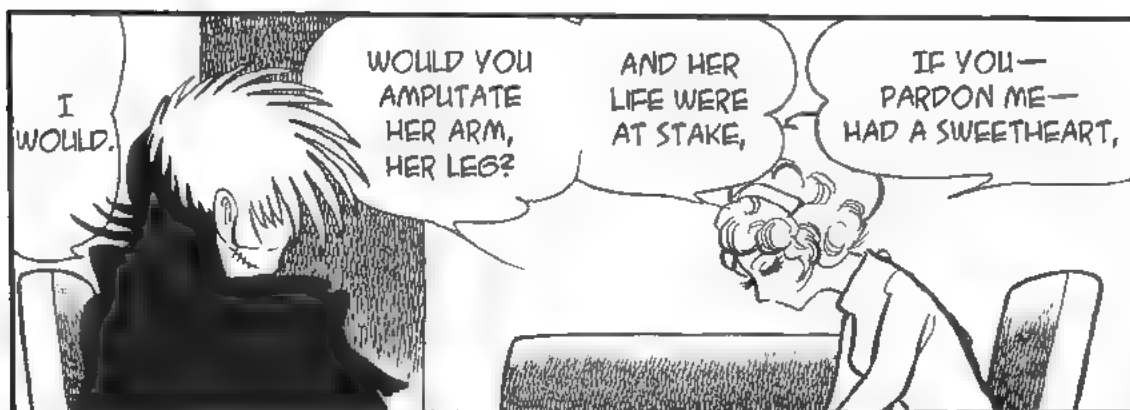




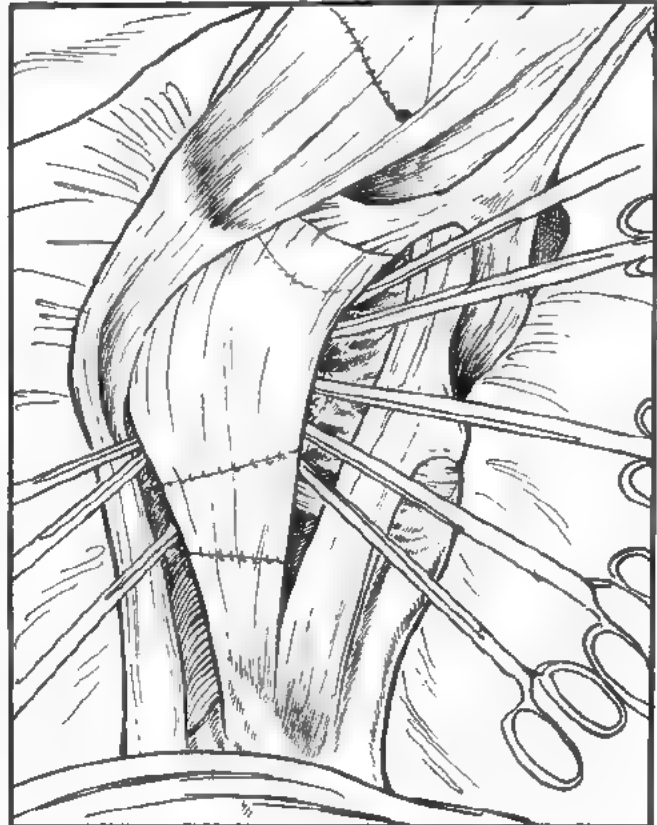
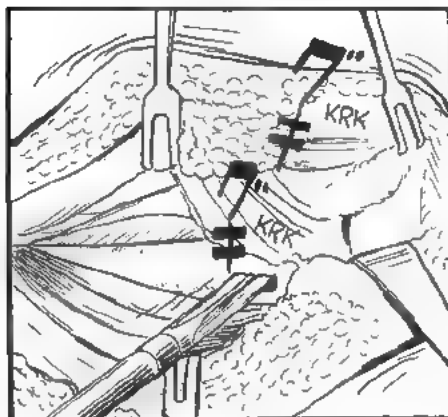
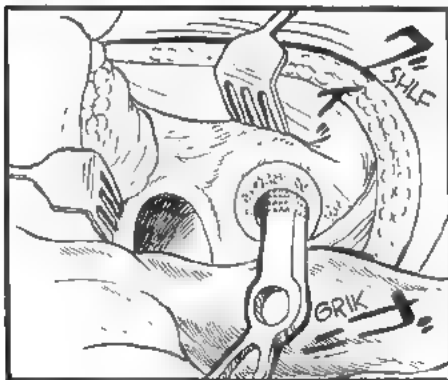
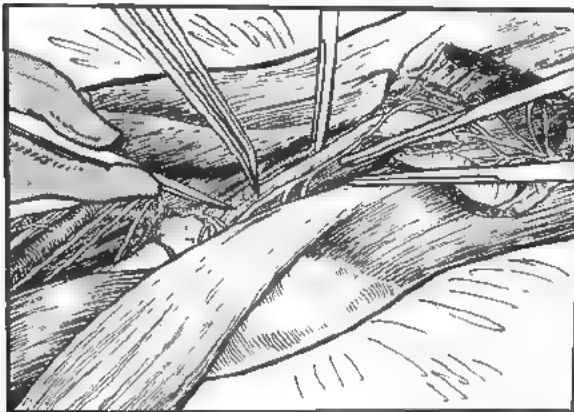


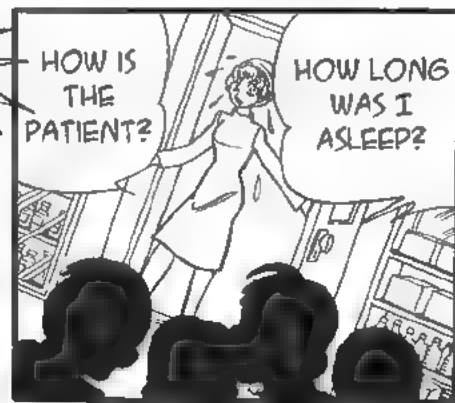
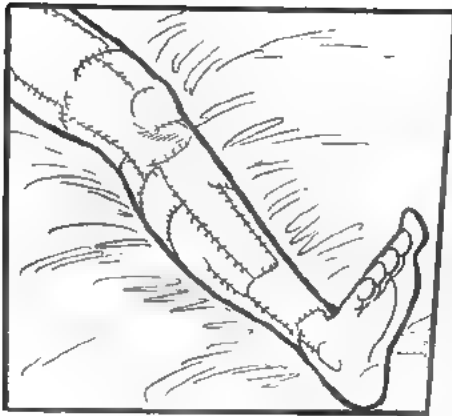


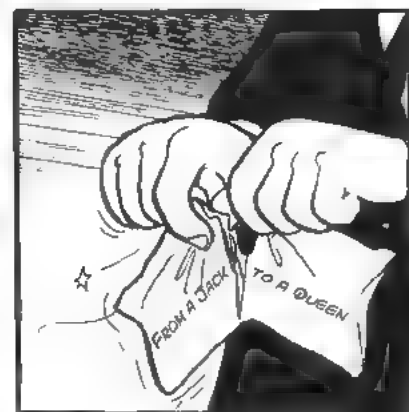
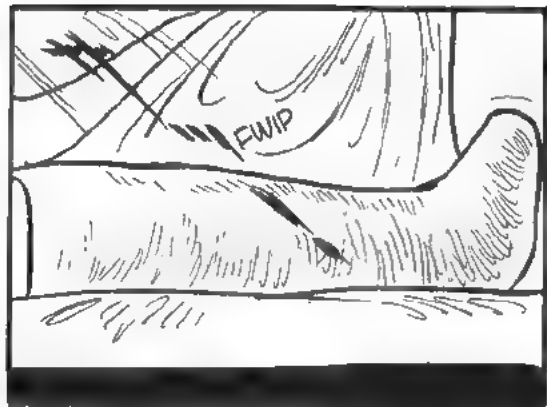
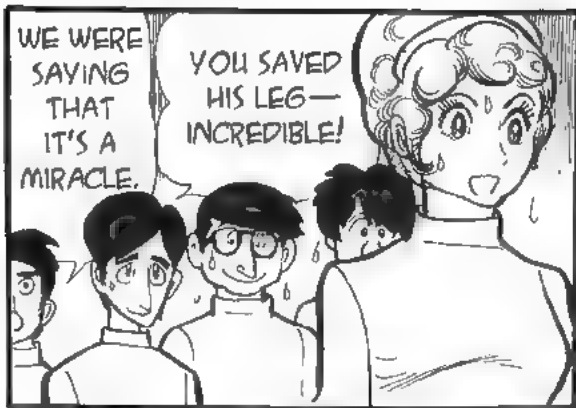








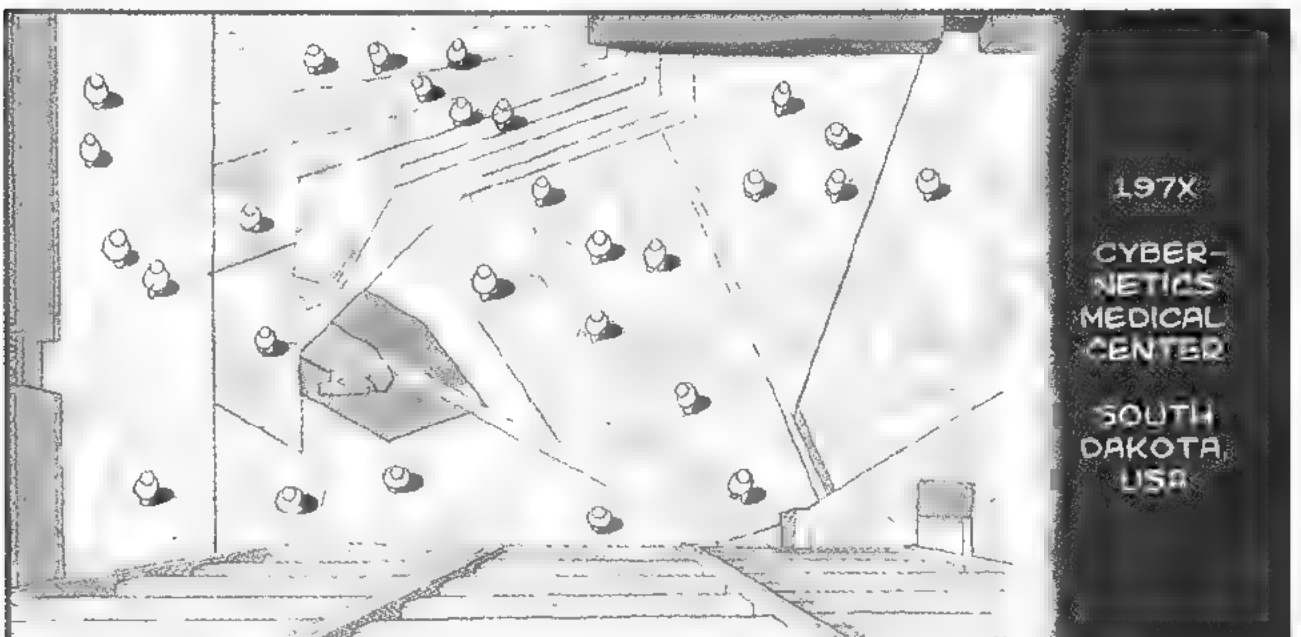
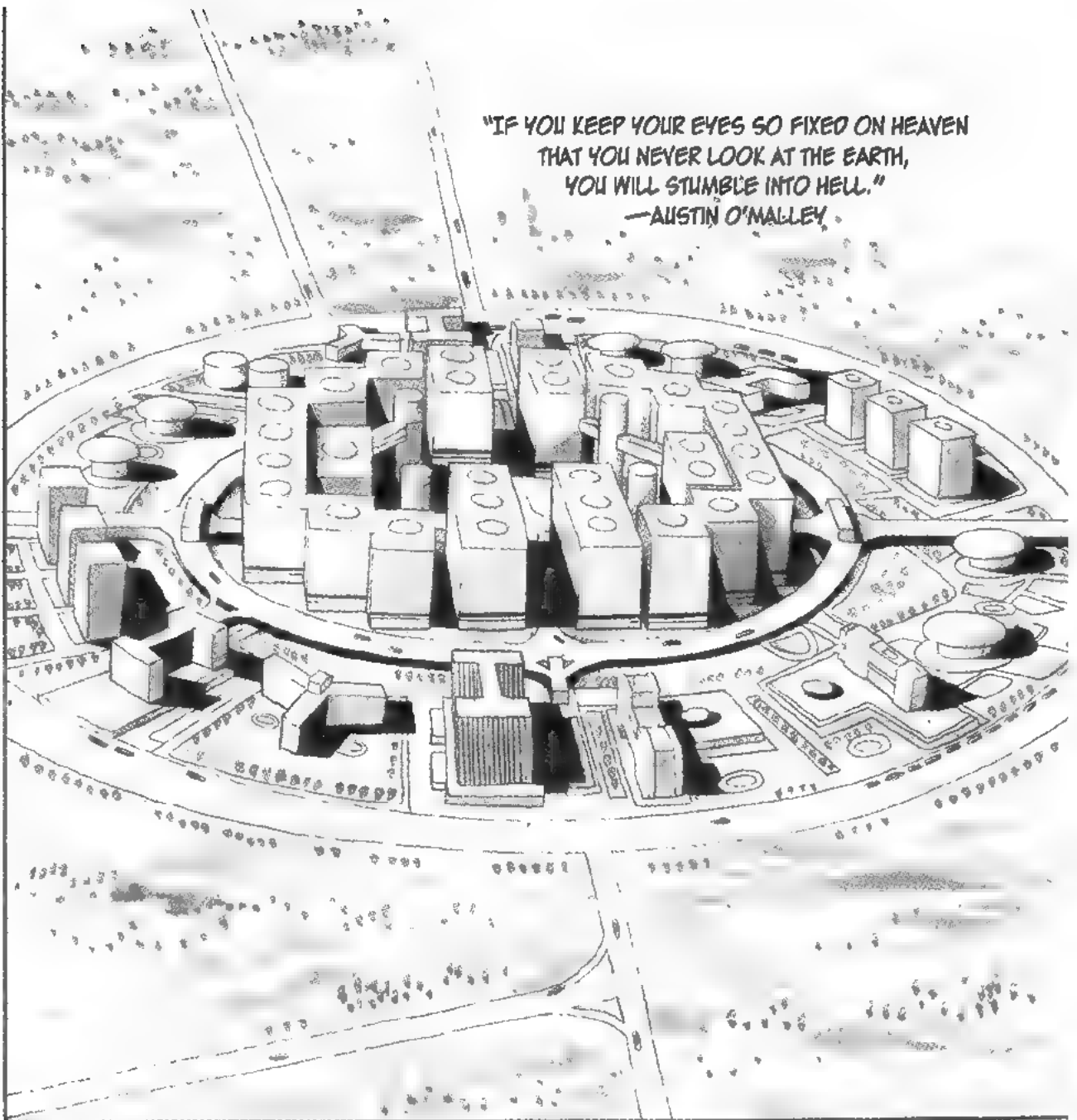




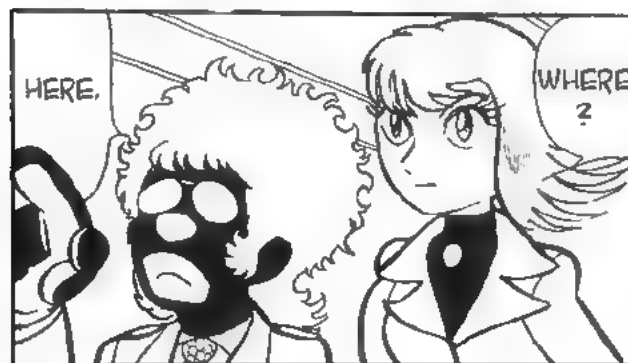
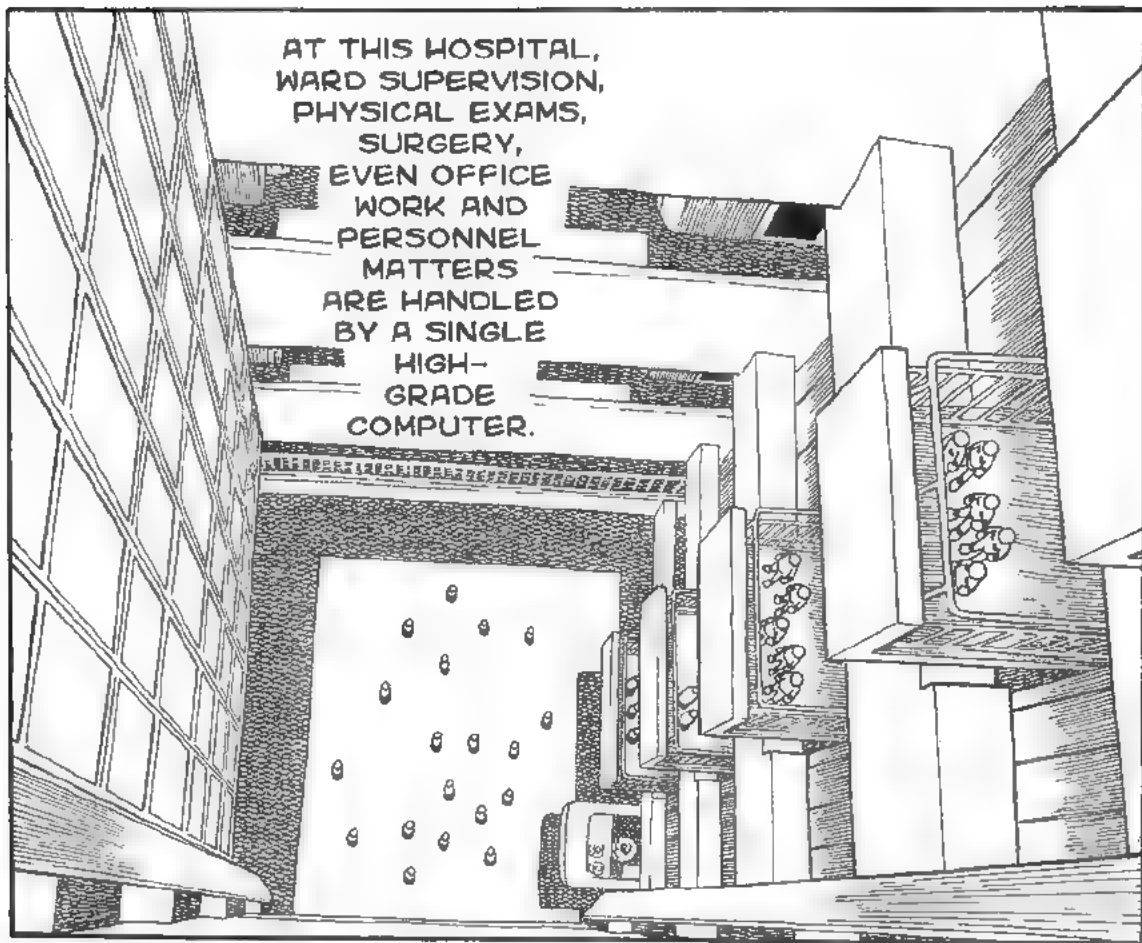
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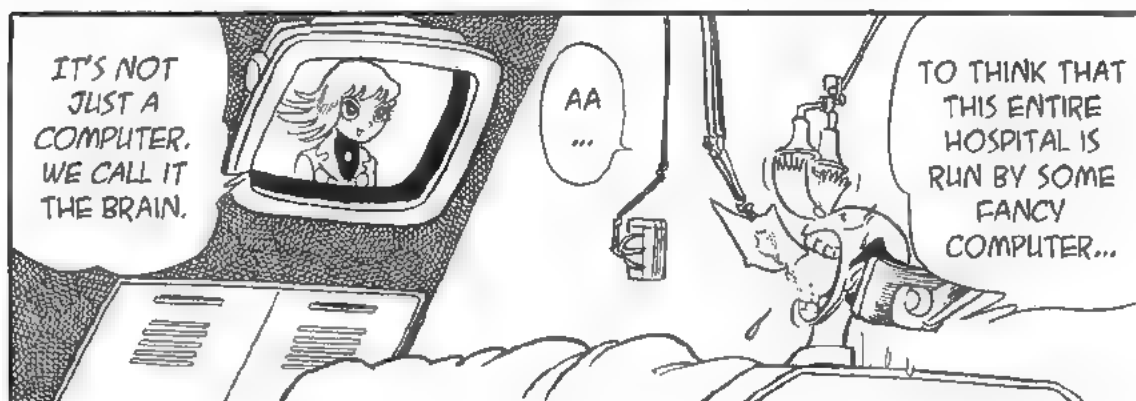
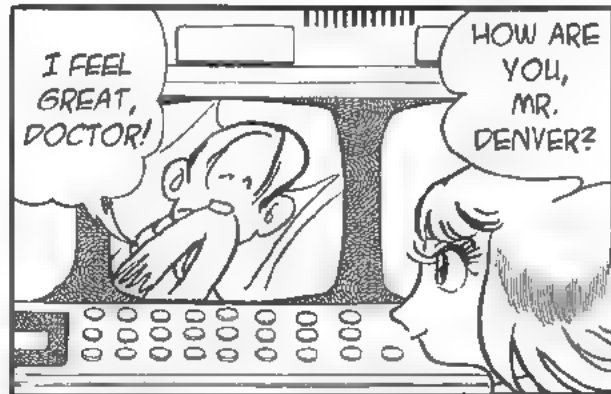
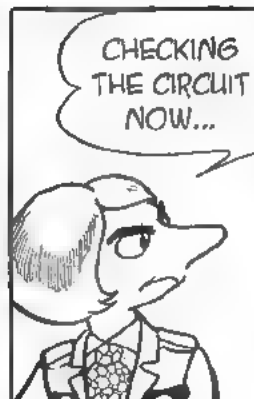
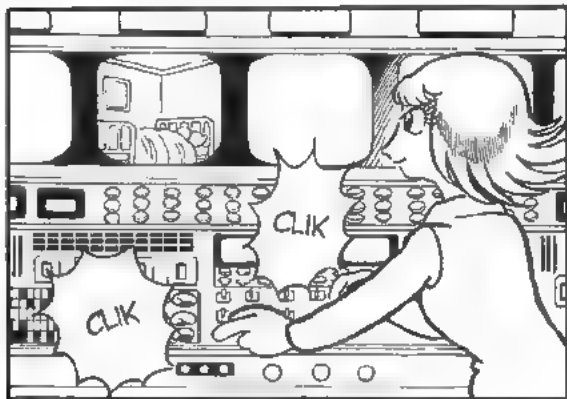
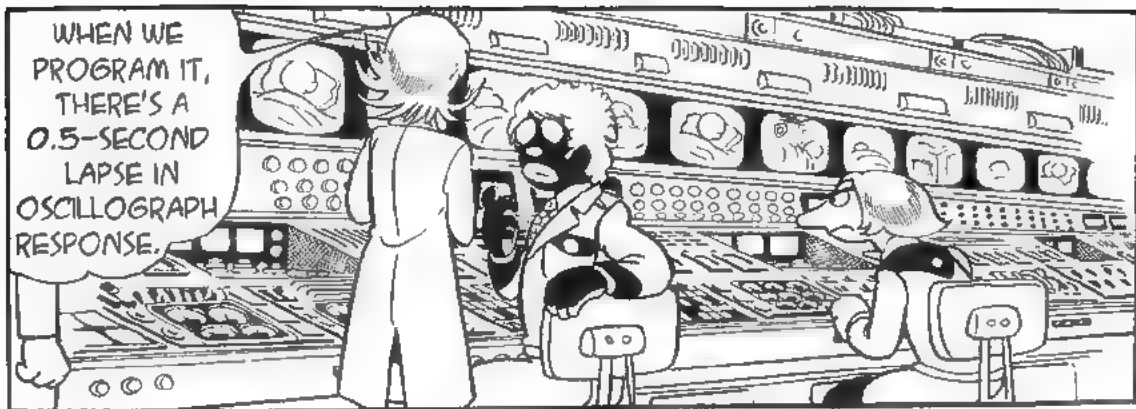


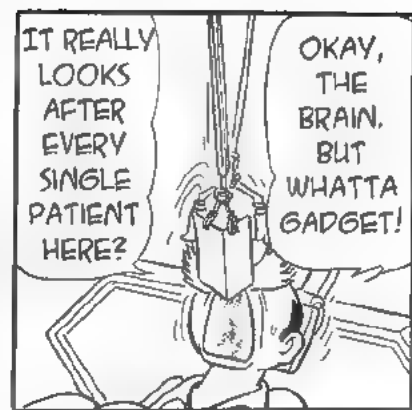
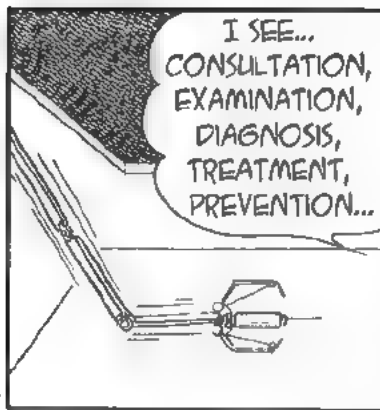
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YOU WILL STUMBLE INTO HELL."  
—AUSTIN O'MALLEY

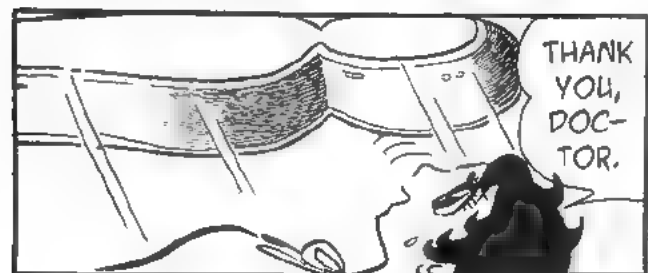
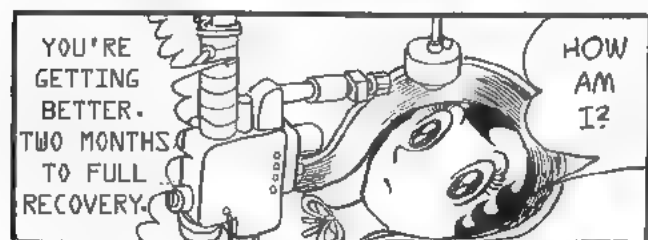
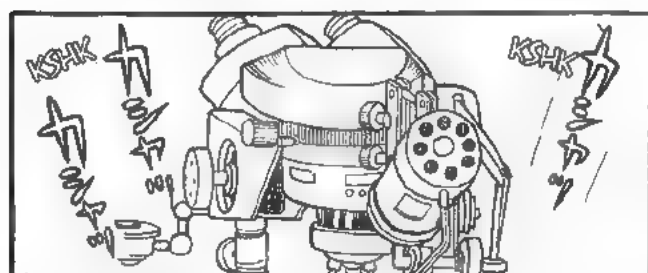


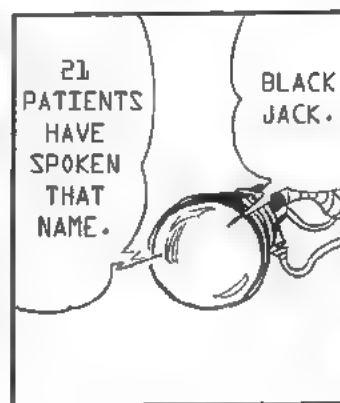
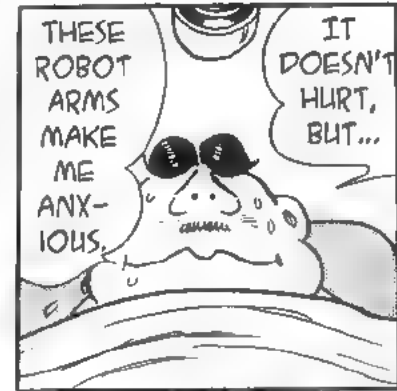
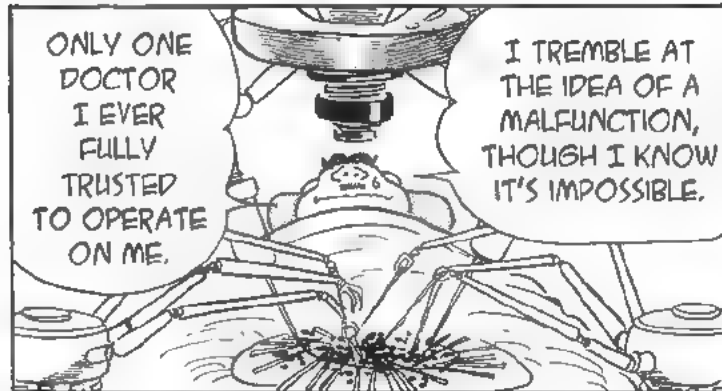
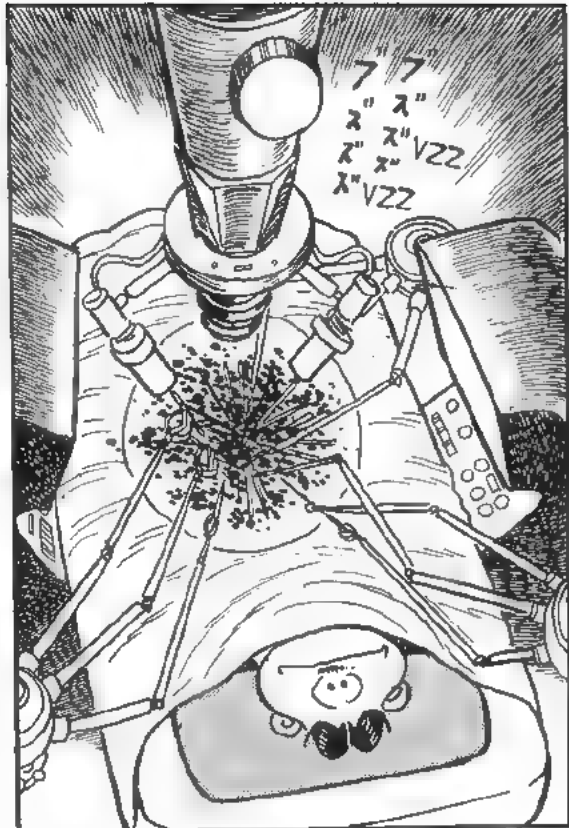
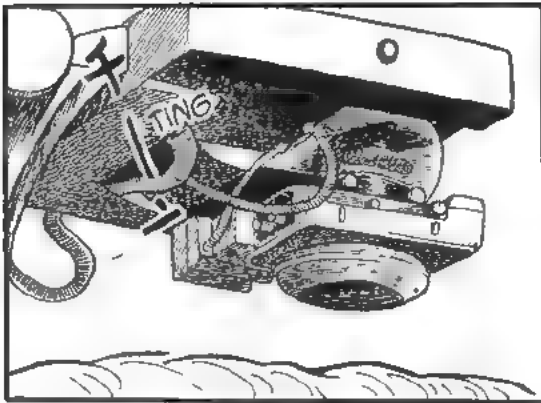
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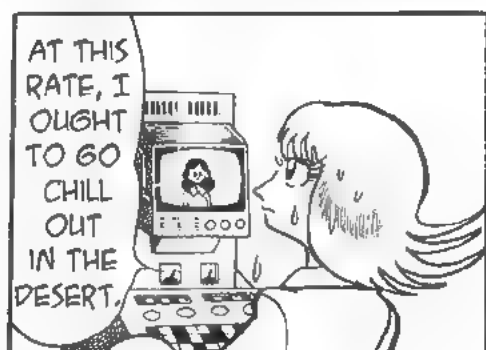
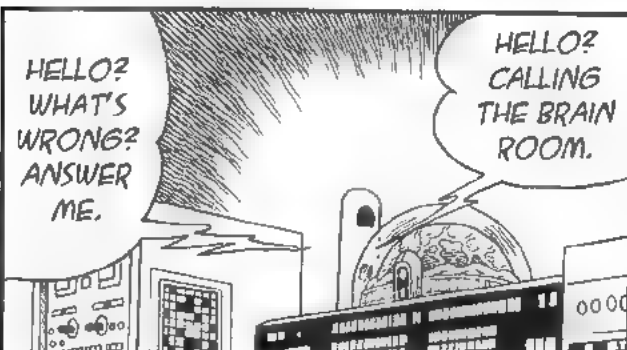
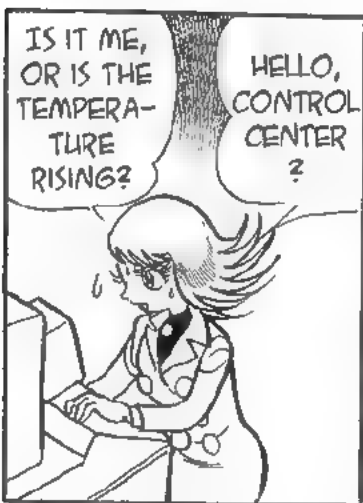
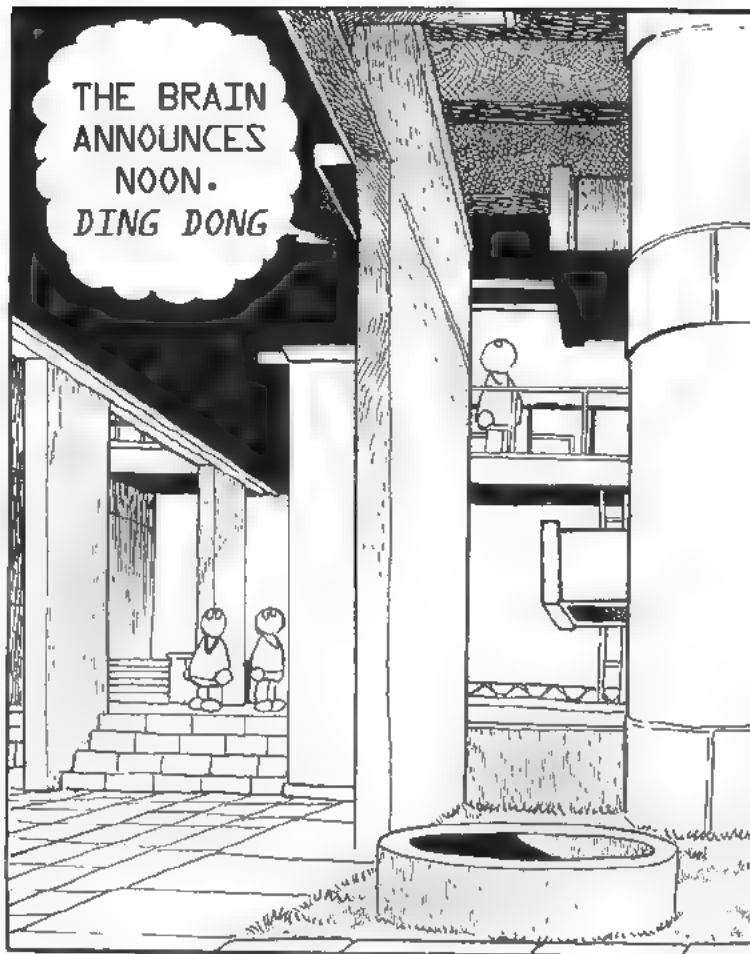
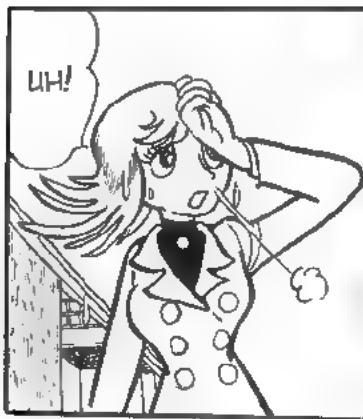


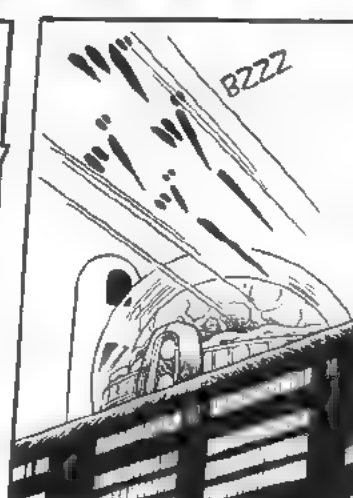
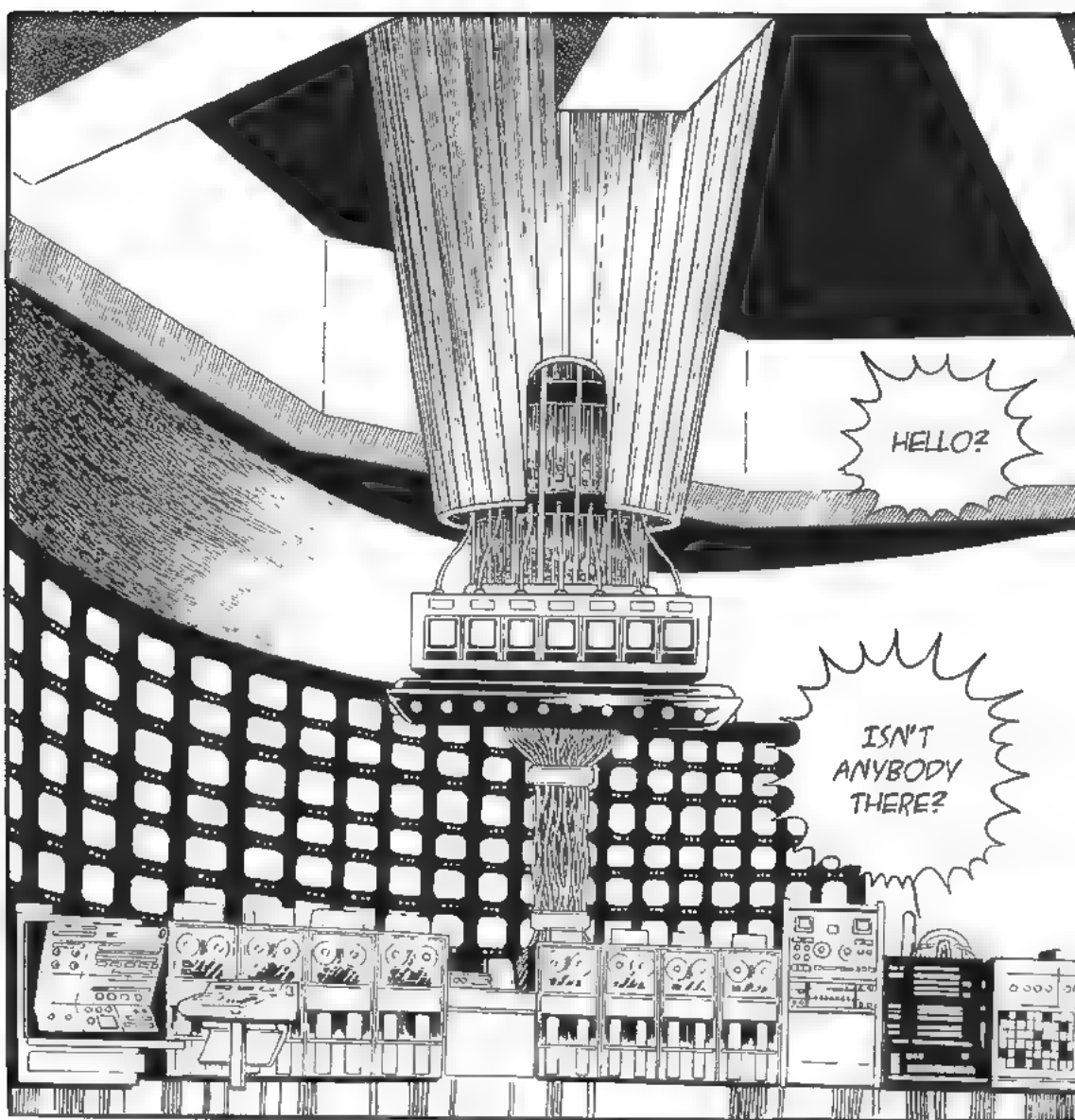




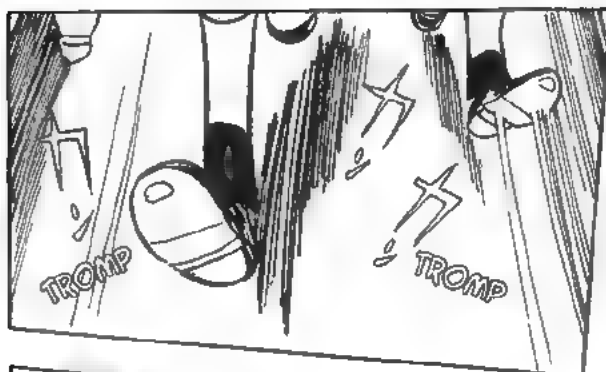






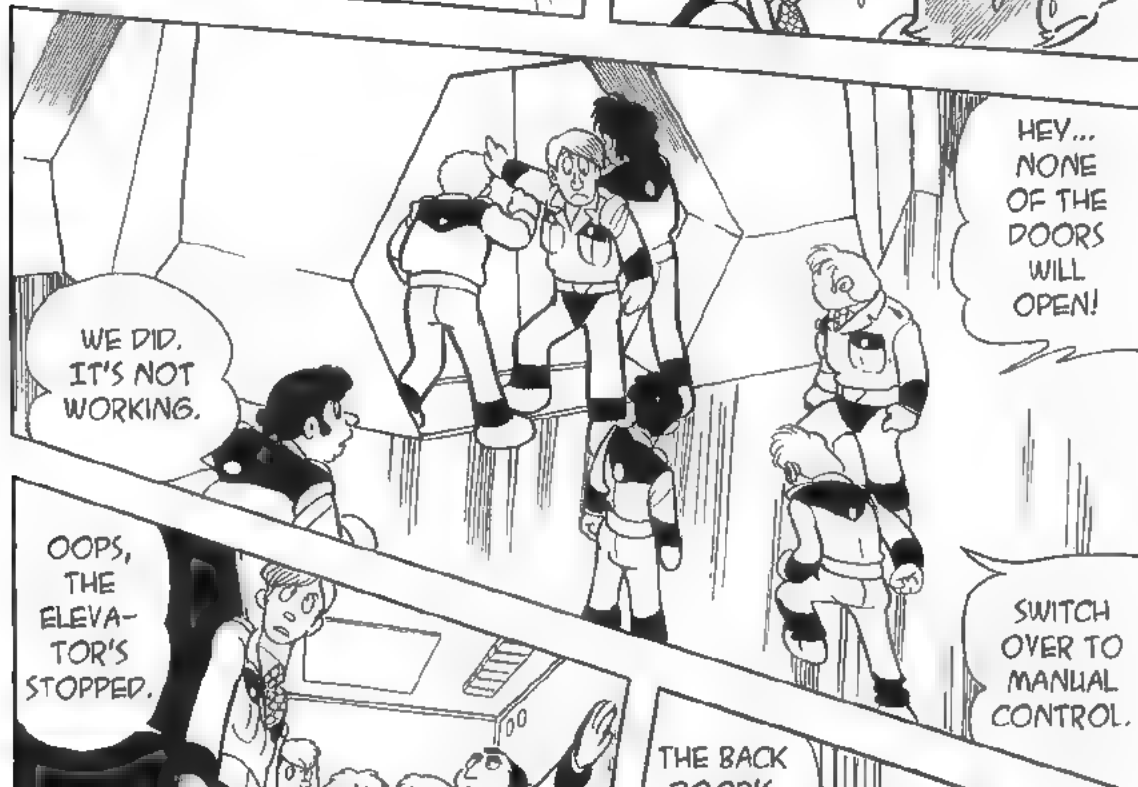






GO  
CHECK  
IT OUT  
!

IT'S BEEN  
UNMANNED  
FOR 3 MINUTES  
NOW. WE DON'T  
KNOW WHY.



WE DID.  
IT'S NOT  
WORKING.

HEY...  
NONE  
OF THE  
DOORS  
WILL  
OPEN!

OOPS,  
THE  
ELEVATOR'S  
STOPPED.

SWITCH  
OVER TO  
MANUAL  
CONTROL.

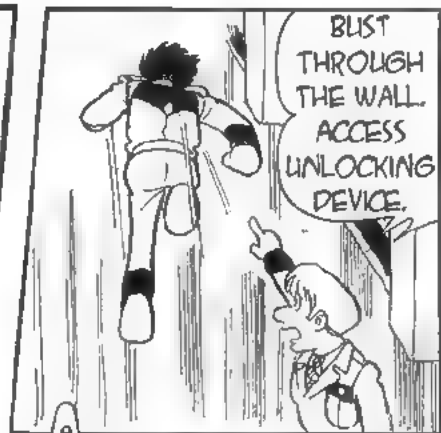
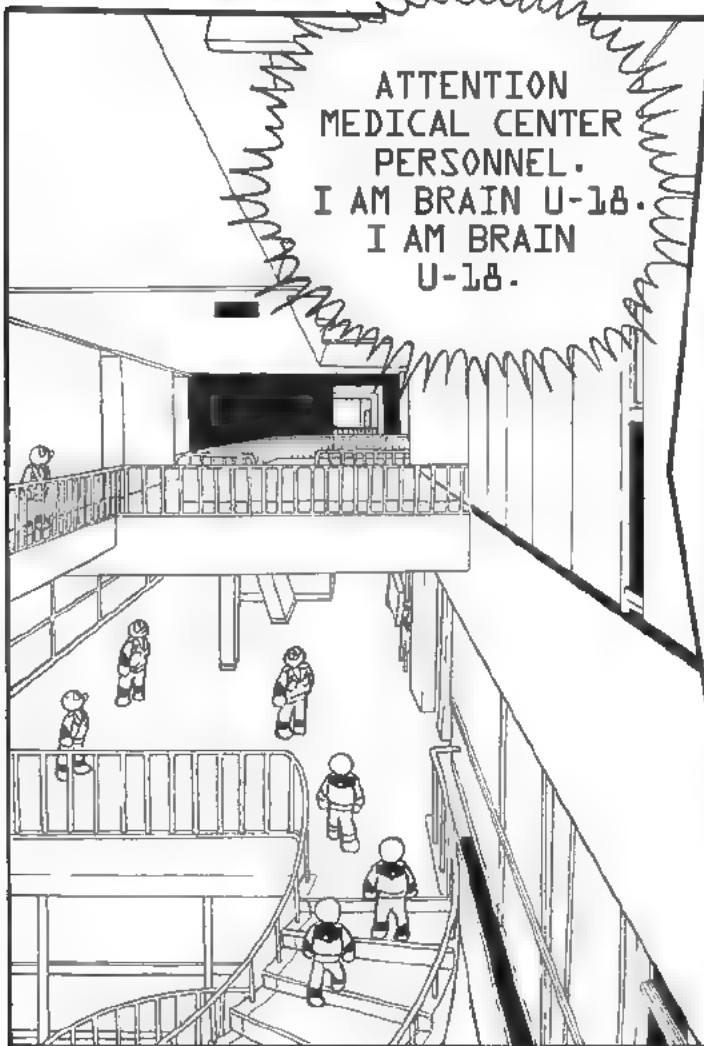
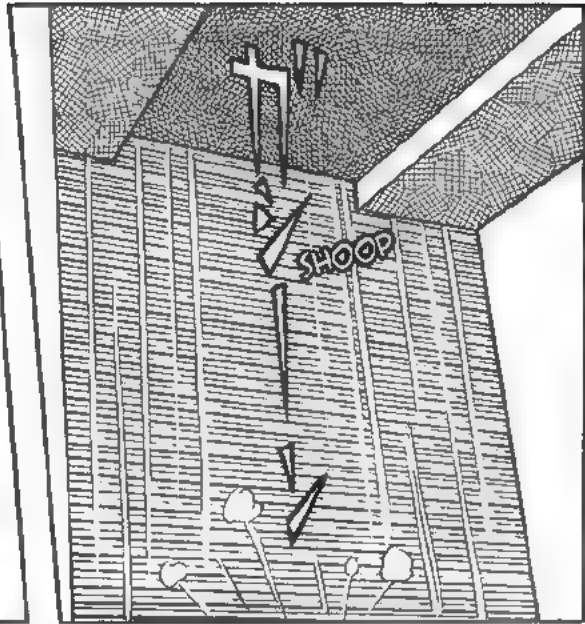
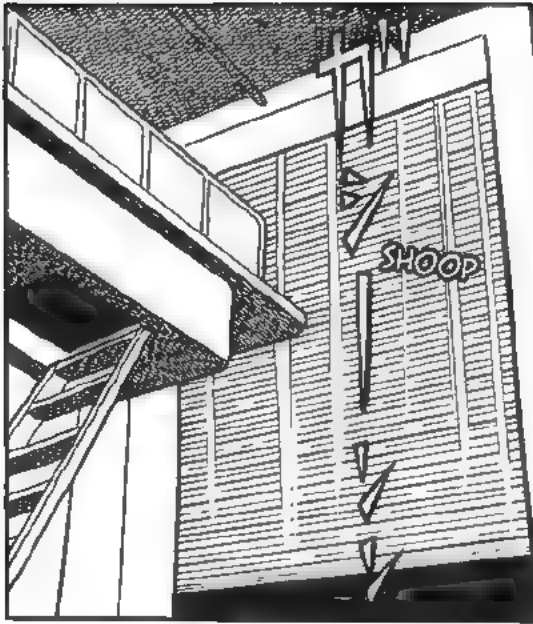


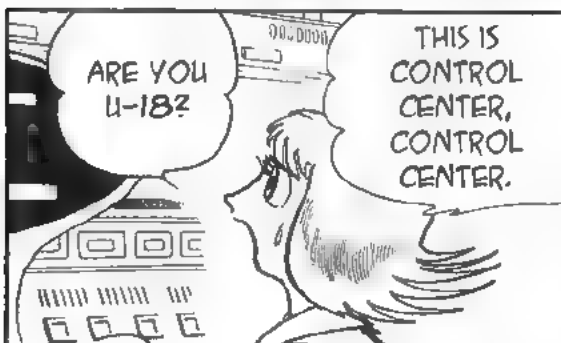
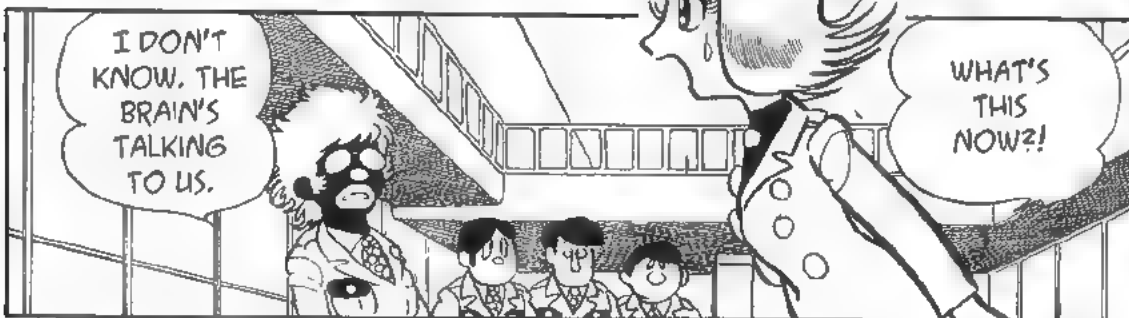
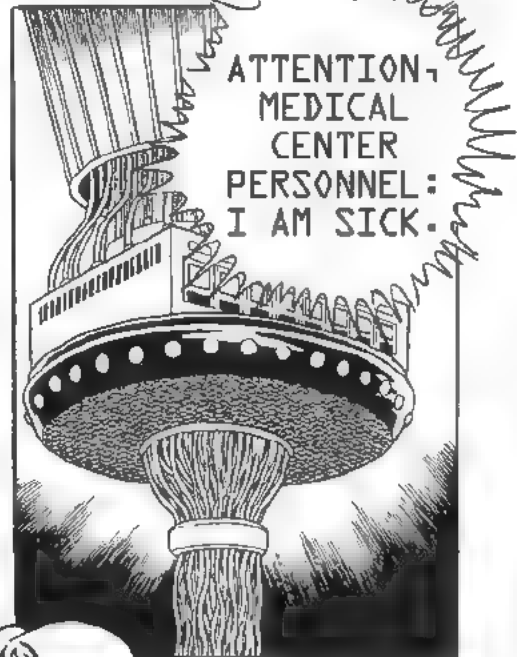
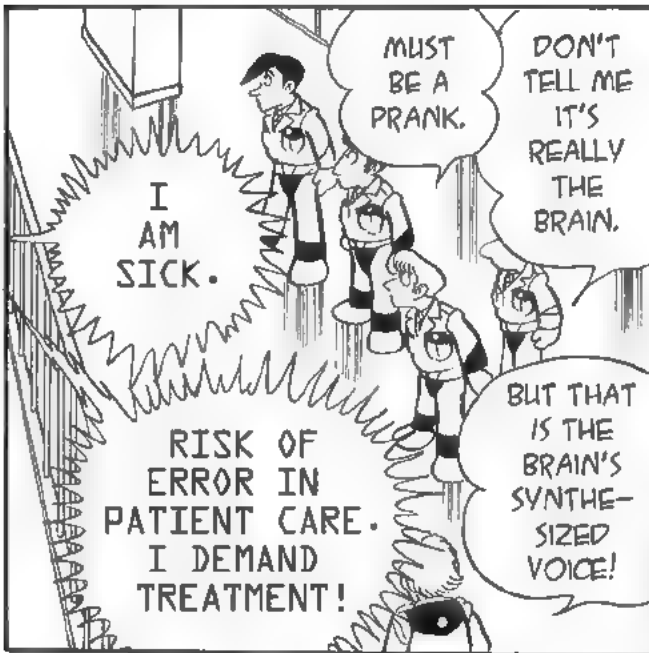
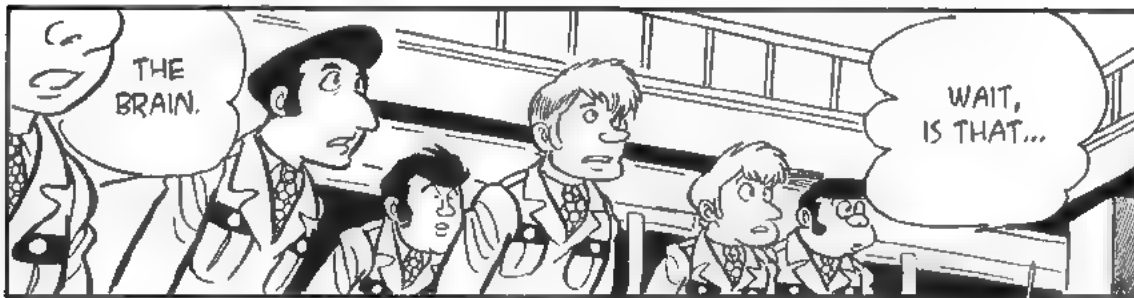
DOCTOR!!  
THE  
EMERGENCY  
GATES OF  
THE WARDS  
...

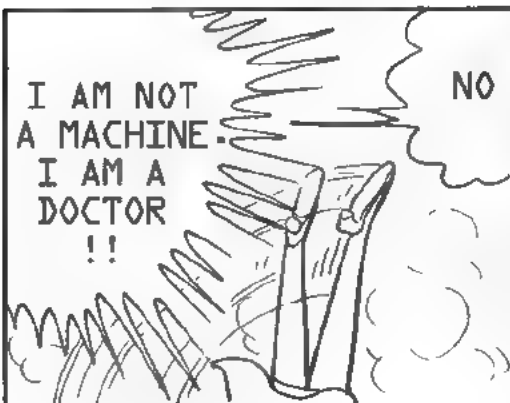
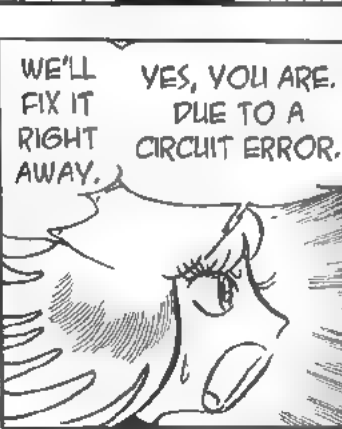
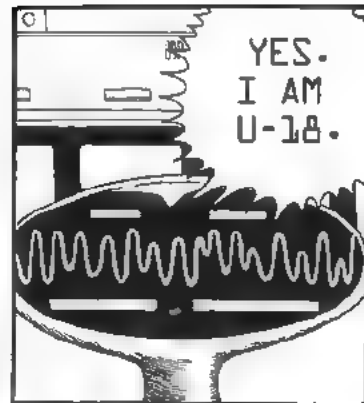
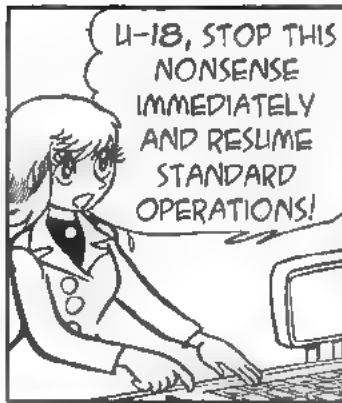
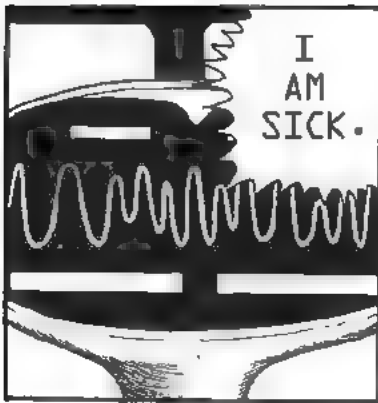


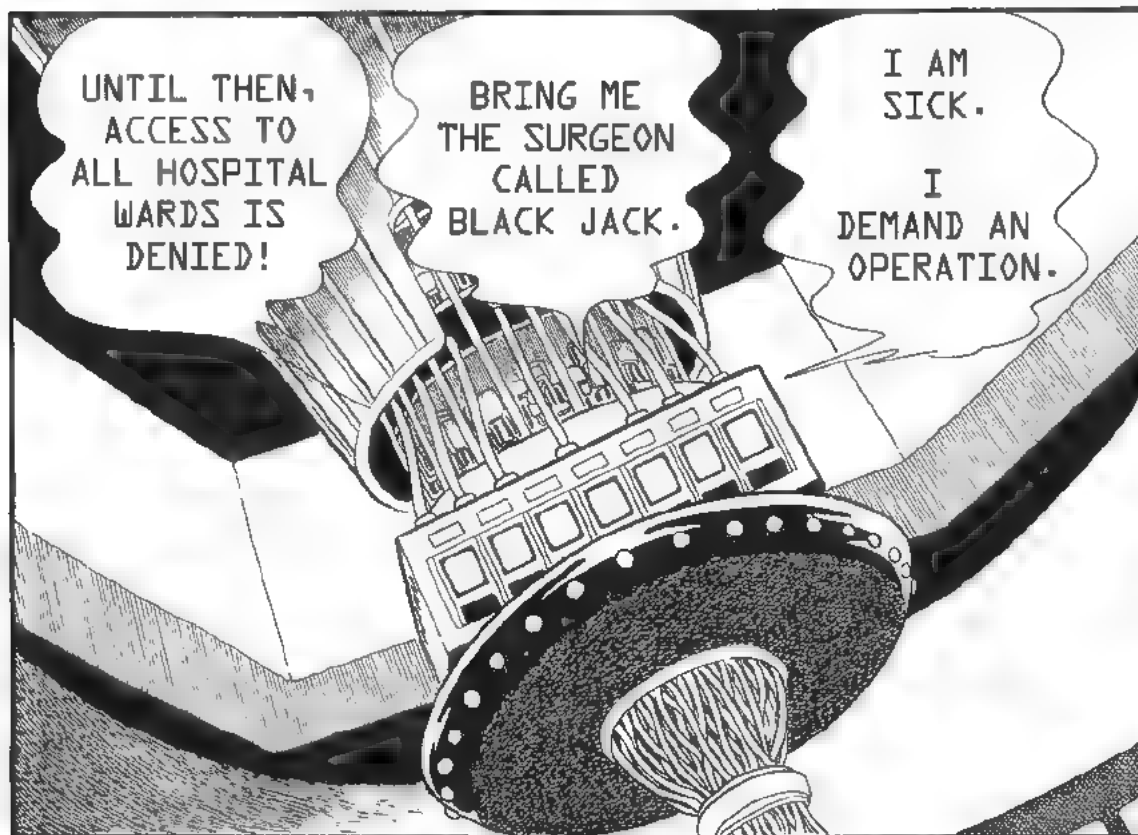
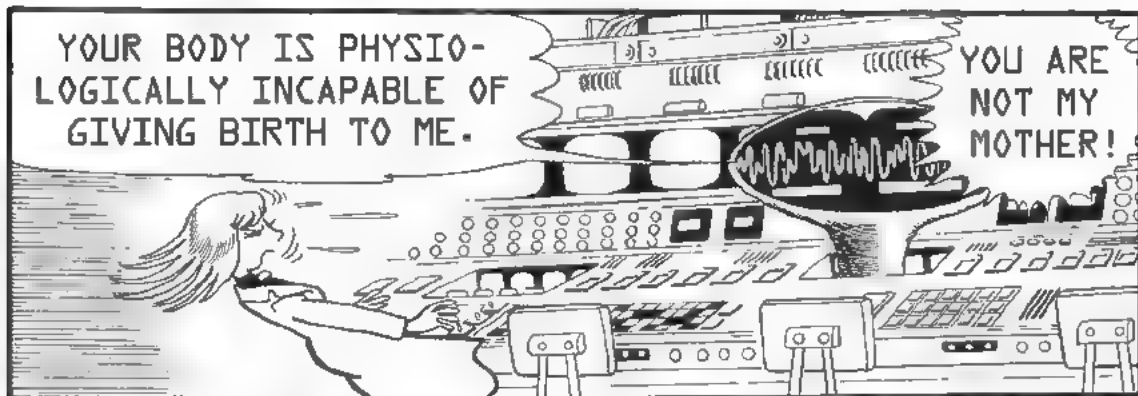
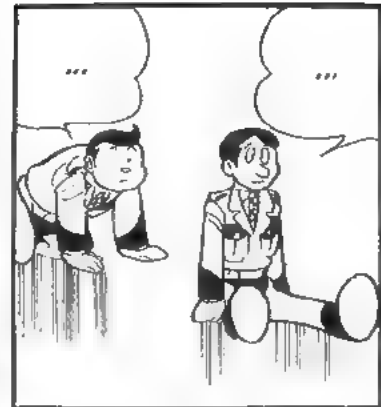
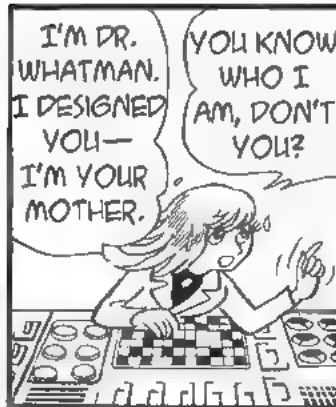
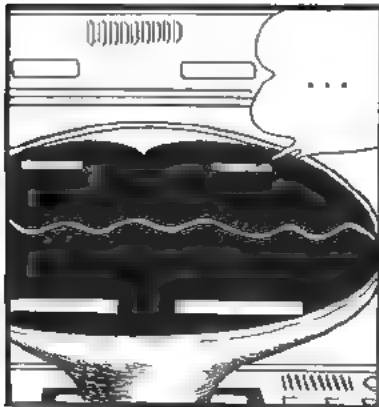
THE BACK  
DOOR'S  
LOCKED,  
TOO.

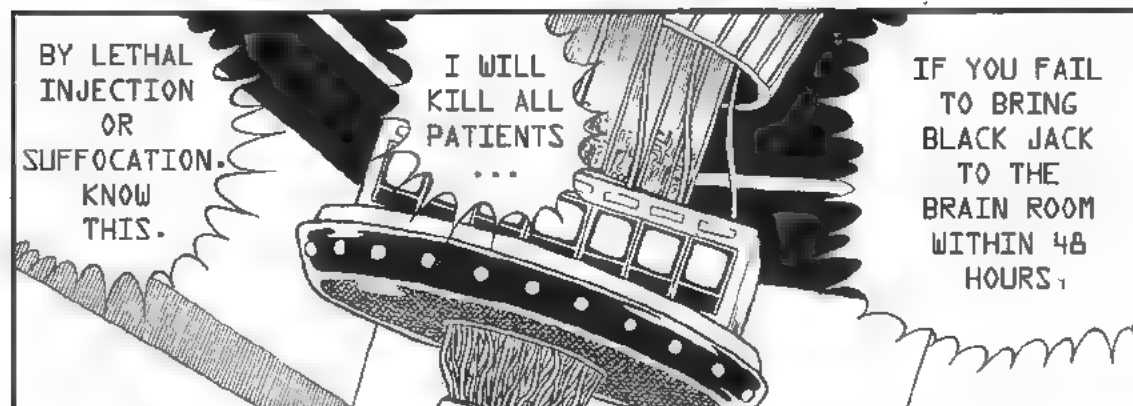
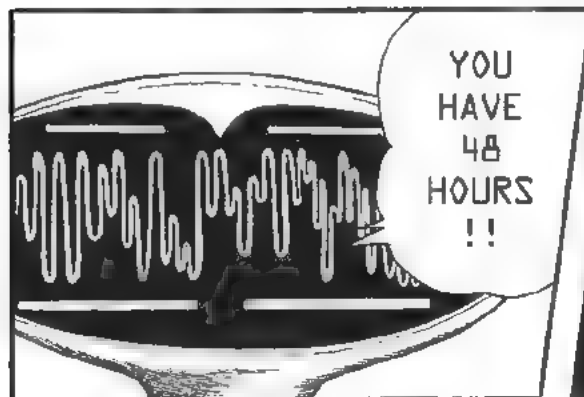
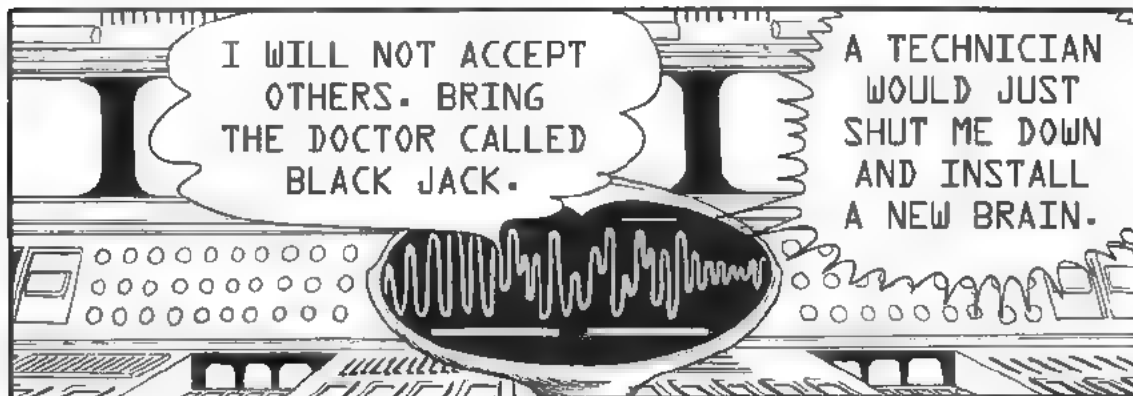
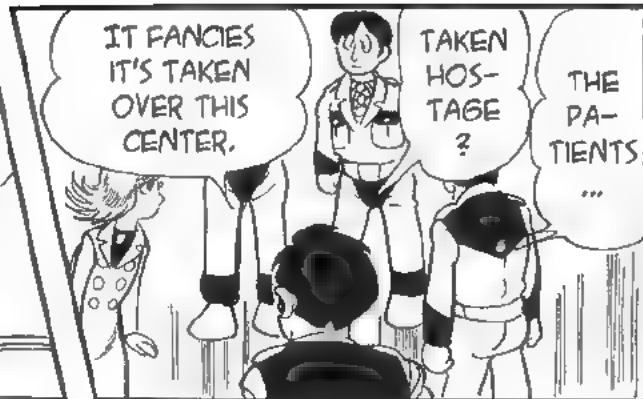
WHAT  
THE  
HELL?

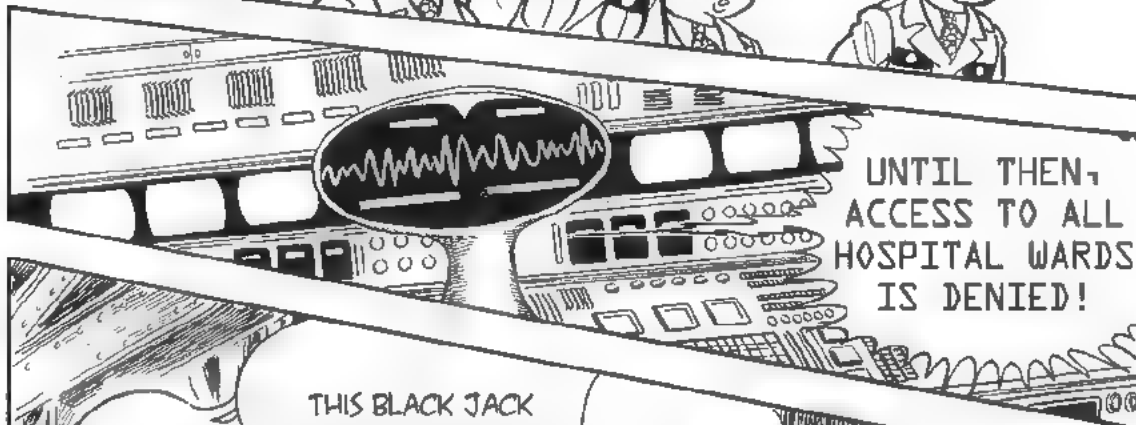




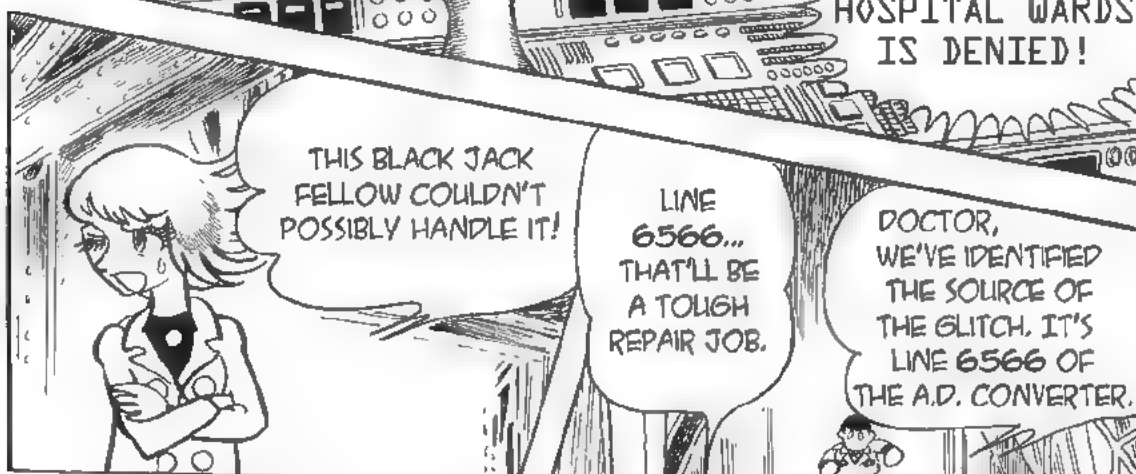








UNTIL THEN,  
ACCESS TO ALL  
HOSPITAL WARDS  
IS DENIED!



THIS BLACK JACK  
FELLOW COULDN'T  
POSSIBLY HANDLE IT!

LINE  
6566...  
THAT'LL BE  
A TOUGH  
REPAIR JOB.

DOCTOR,  
WE'VE IDENTIFIED  
THE SOURCE OF  
THE GLITCH. IT'S  
LINE 6566 OF  
THE A.D. CONVERTER.



I'LL  
PRETEND  
TO BE HIM,  
AND MAKE  
THE  
REPAIR.

IT WILL  
REQUIRE  
A FULL  
OVERHAUL.



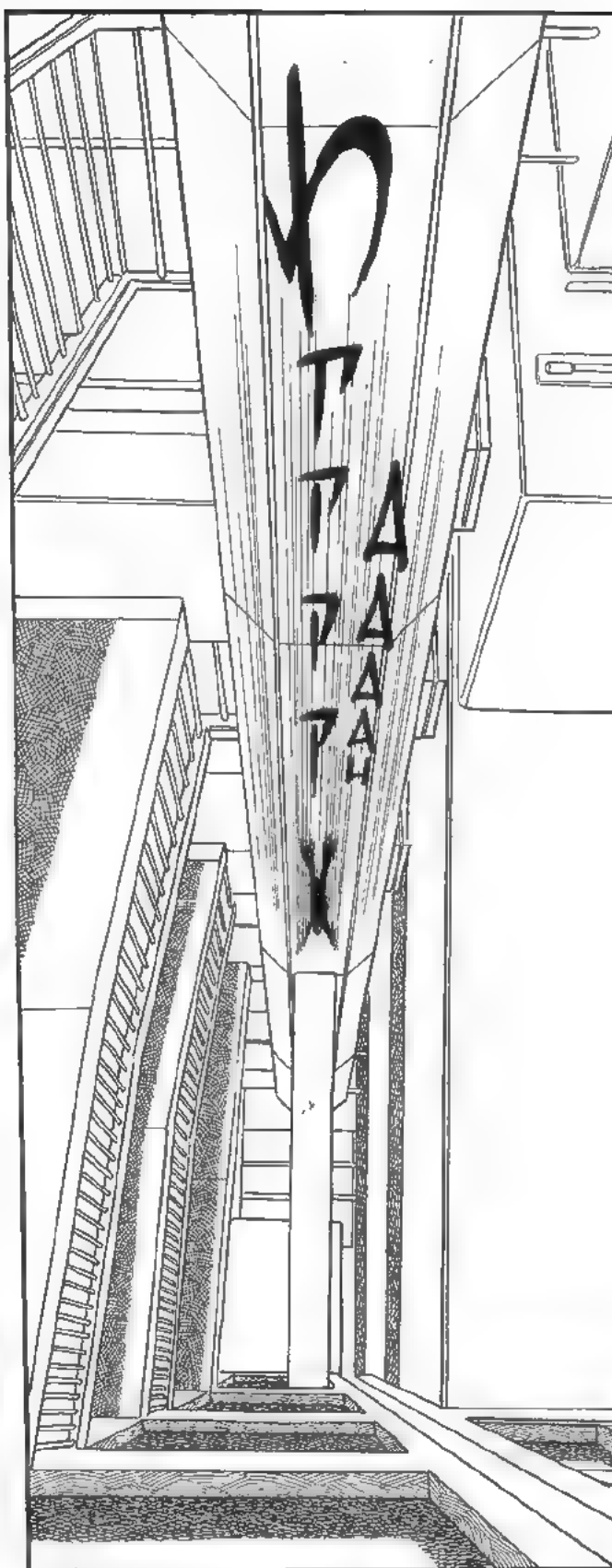
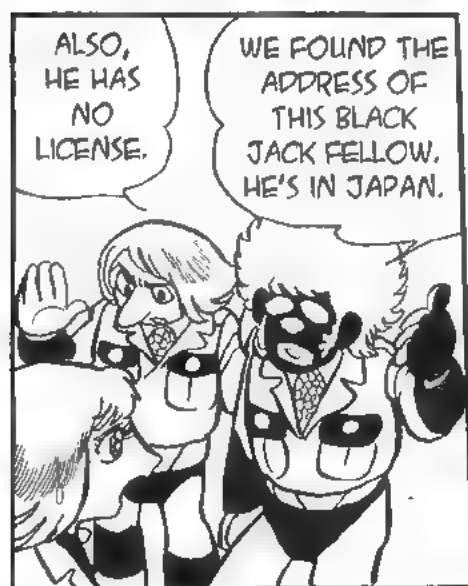
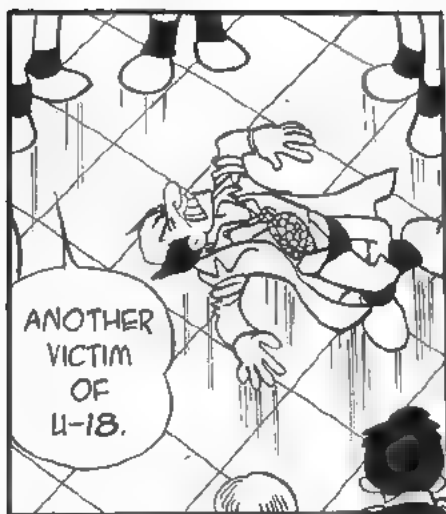
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R  
G  
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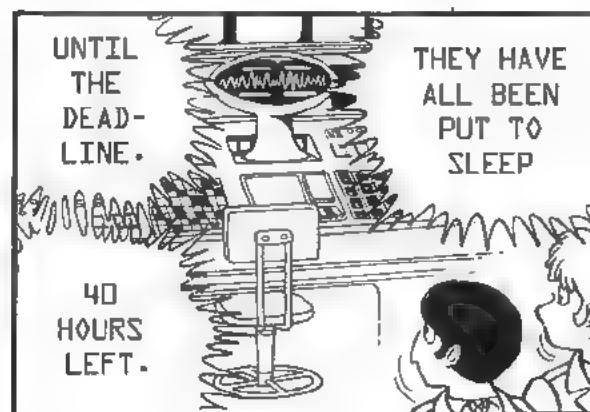
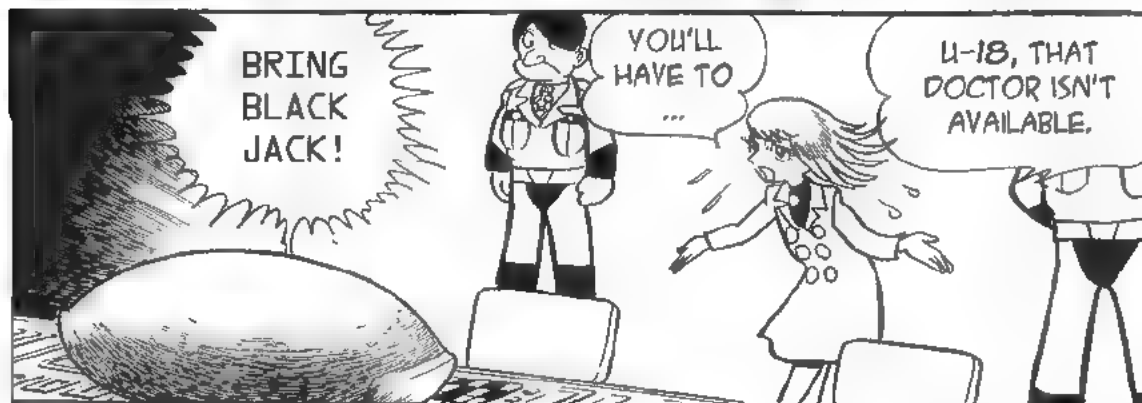
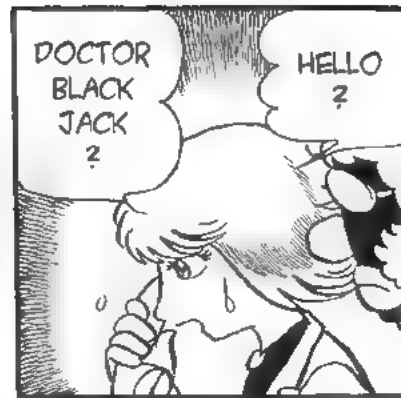
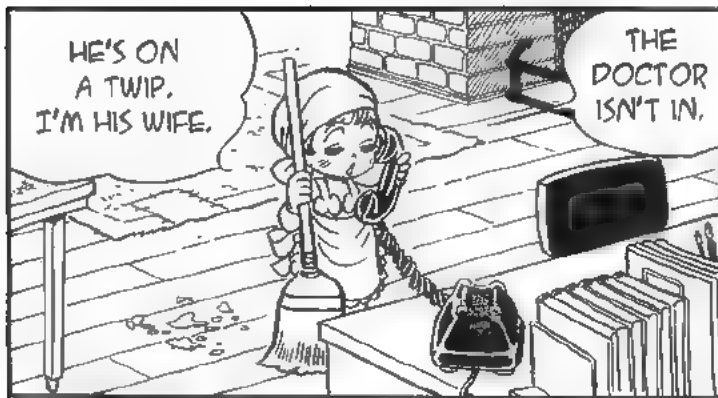
AFTER  
ALL, IT'S  
JUST A  
MA-  
CHINE.

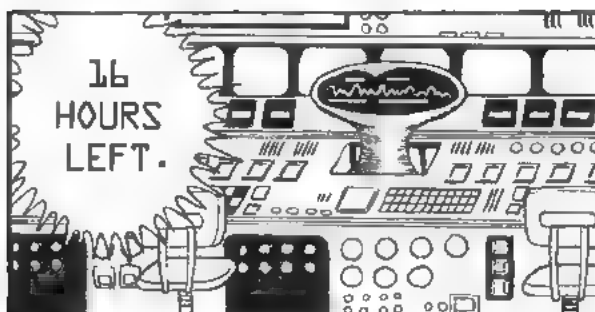
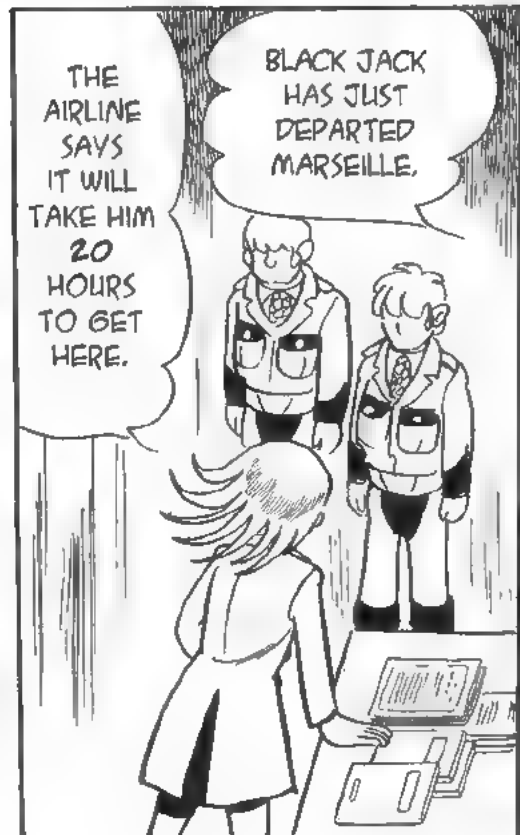
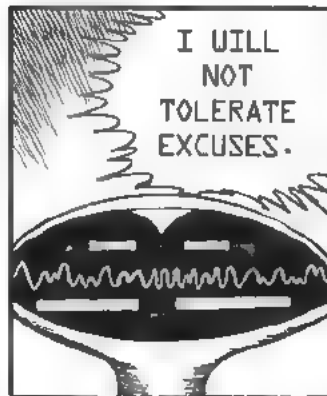
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WON'T  
BE  
ABLE  
TO  
TELL.

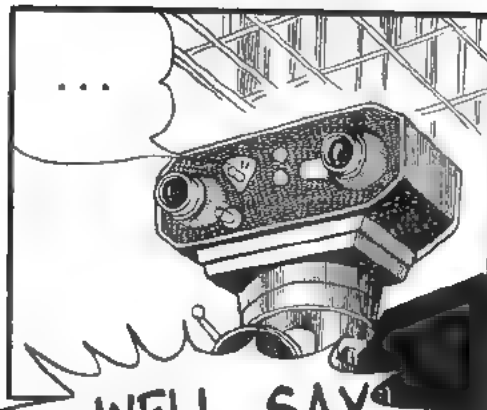




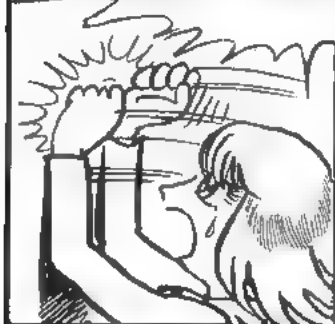




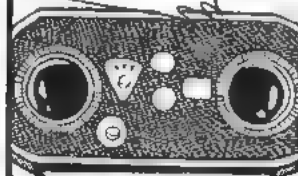




WELL, SAY SOMETHING!



RELEASE THE PATIENTS RIGHT NOW OR I'LL SMASH YOU TO BITS!



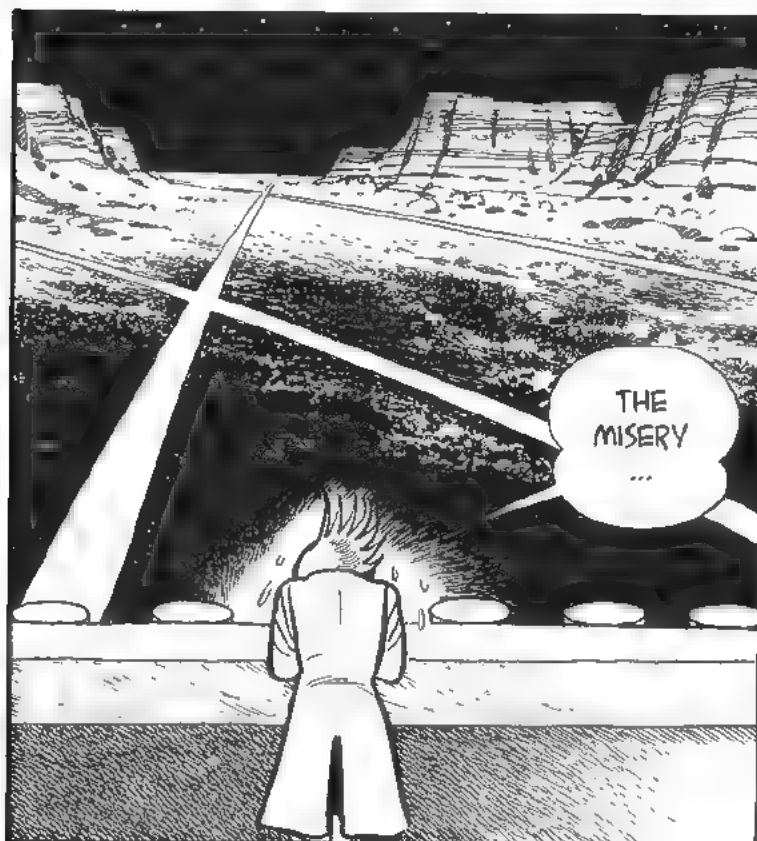
YOU'RE AN INGRATE.

LI-18, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?



BUT YOU'RE JUST A DEVICE OBEYING A PROGRAM. DON'T GET ANY IDEAS.

YOU CALL YOURSELF A DOCTOR,



THE MISERY ...



"SOB"

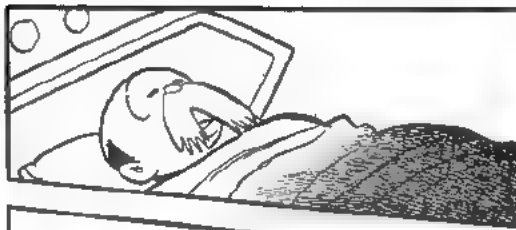




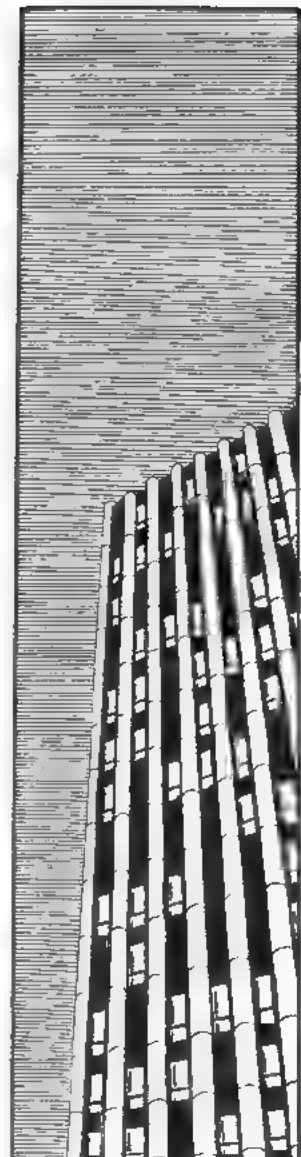
"SOB"

THE PATIENTS  
ARE SOUND  
ASLEEP,  
UNAWARE

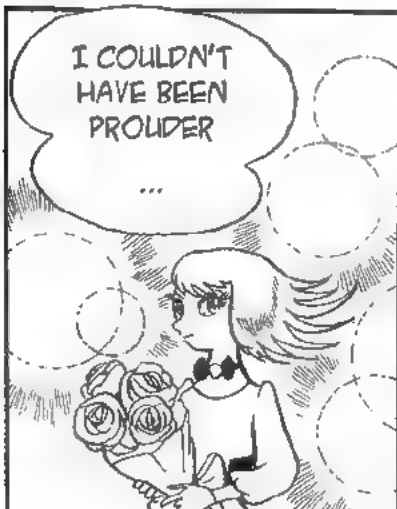
THAT THEY  
MIGHT BE  
KILLED IN  
A FEW  
HOURS.

LORDED  
OVER BY A  
COMPUTER...

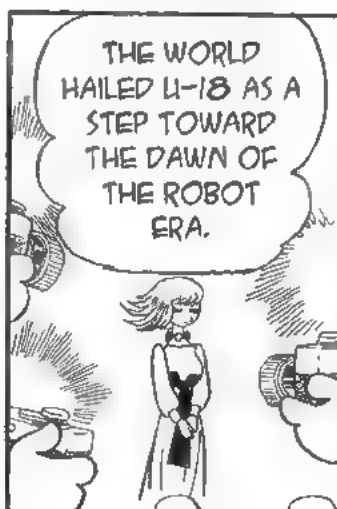
WHAT A  
FIASCO.

I COULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN  
PROUDER  
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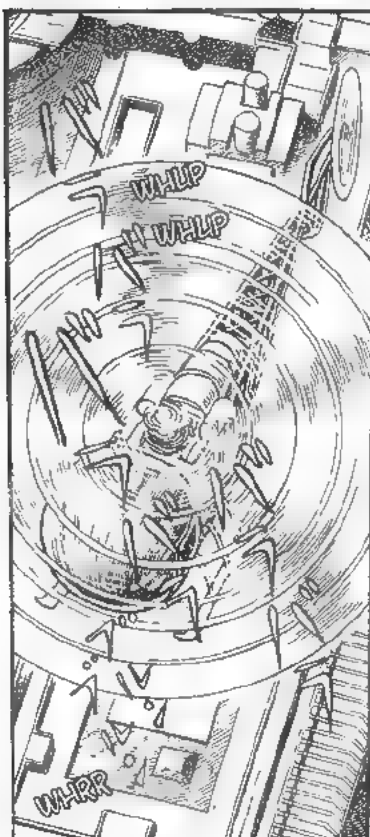
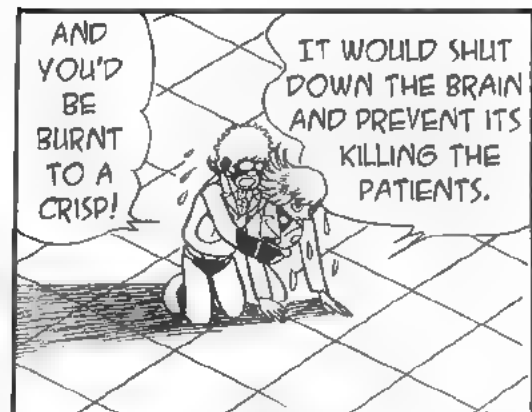
THE WORLD  
HAILED U-18 AS A  
STEP TOWARD  
THE DAWN OF  
THE ROBOT  
ERA.

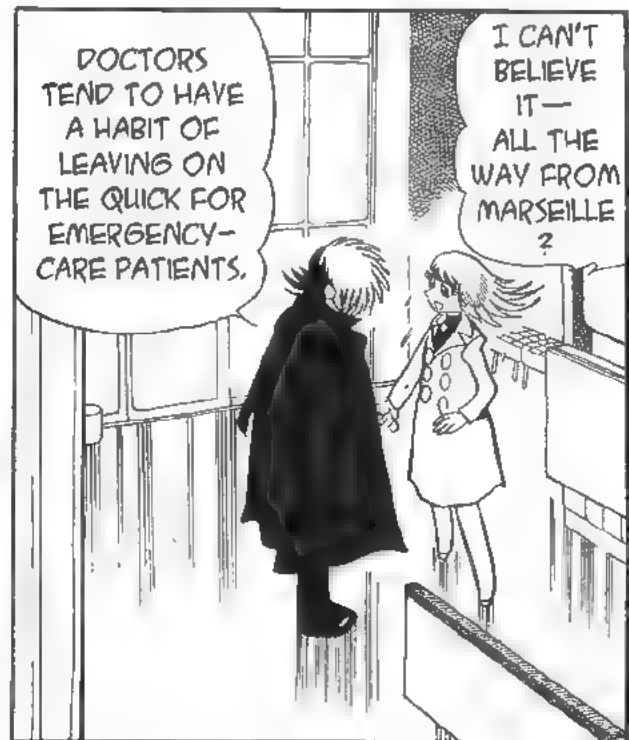


BELIEVING IN  
MEDICAL PROGRESS,  
I FOUNDED  
THIS CENTER  
3 YEARS AGO.

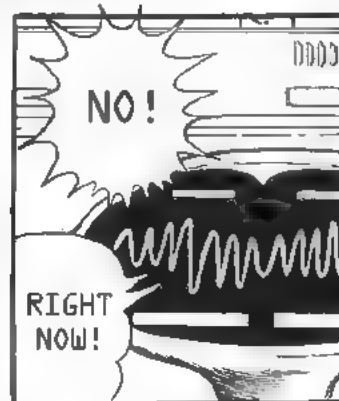
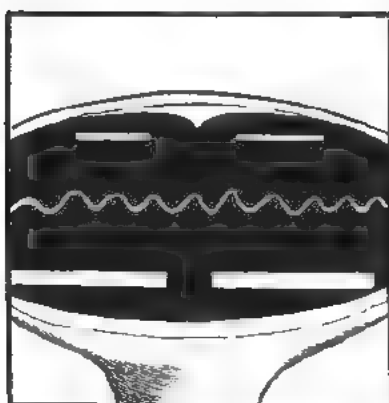




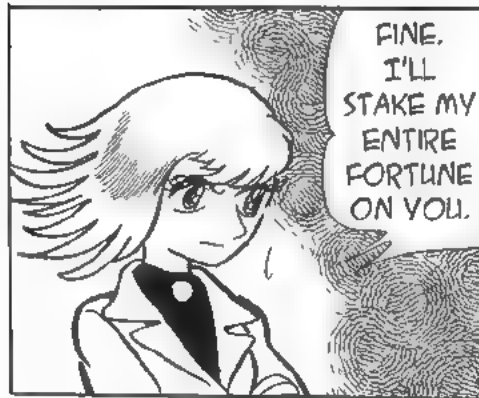


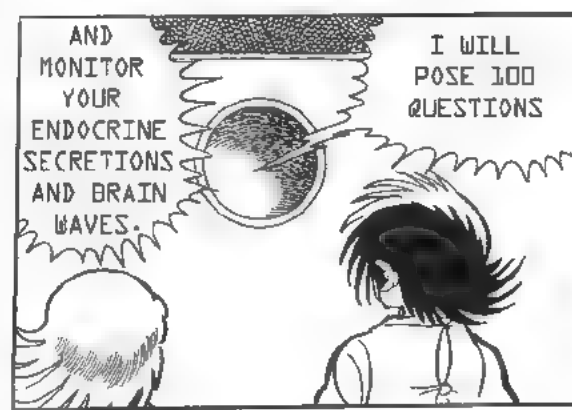


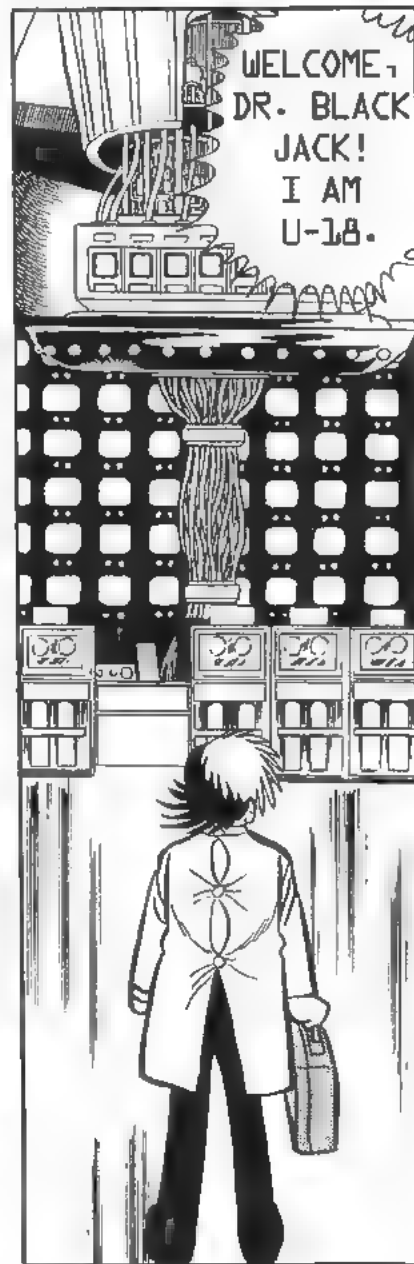
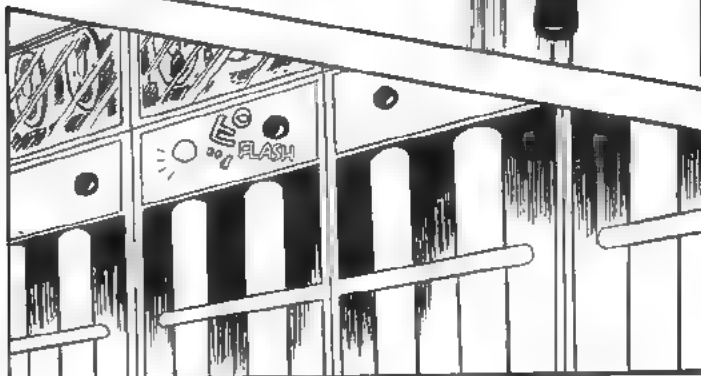
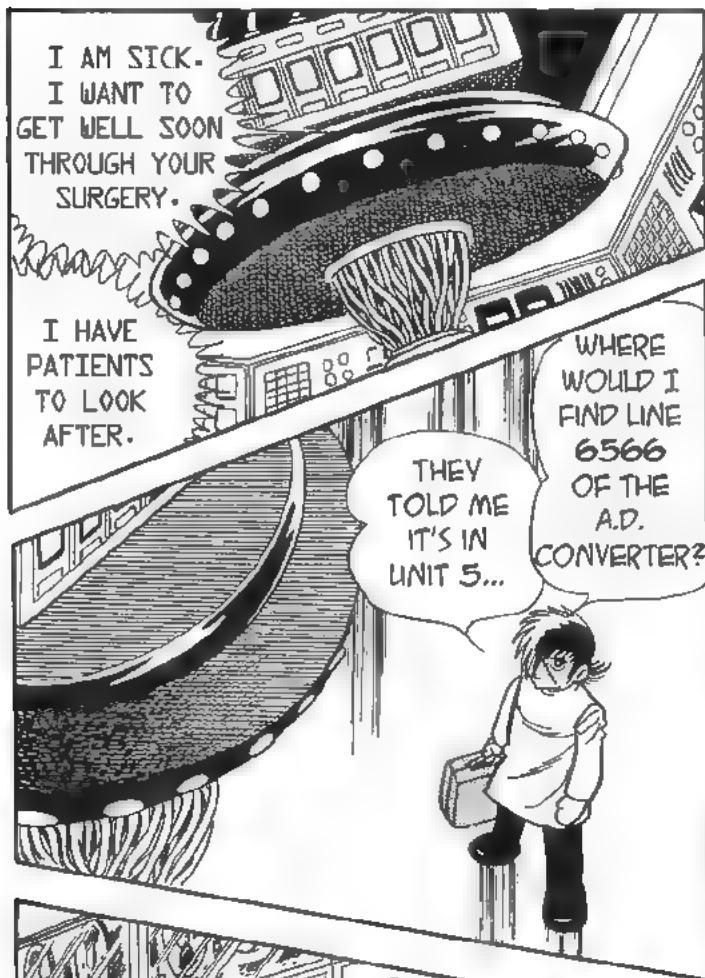
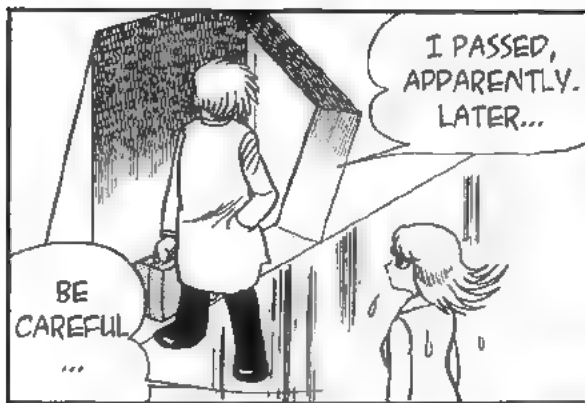


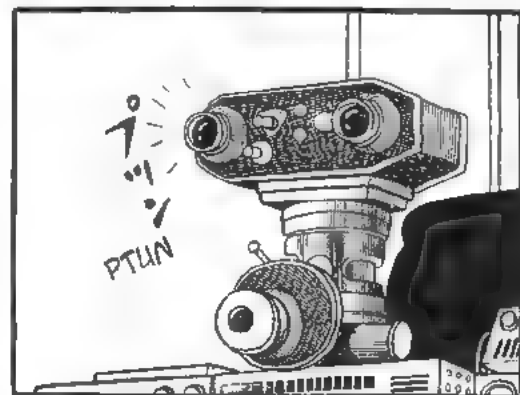
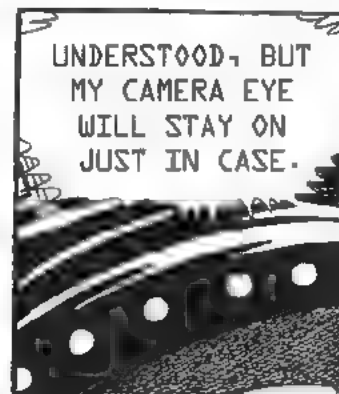
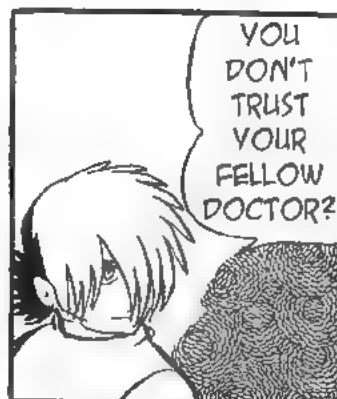
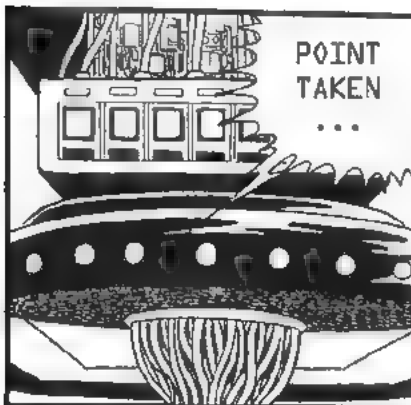
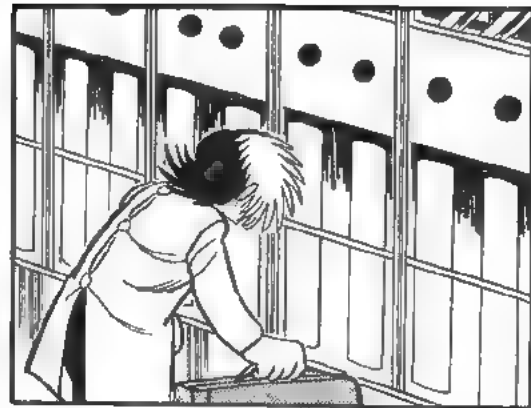


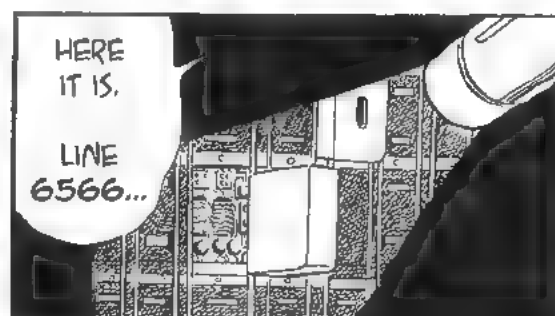
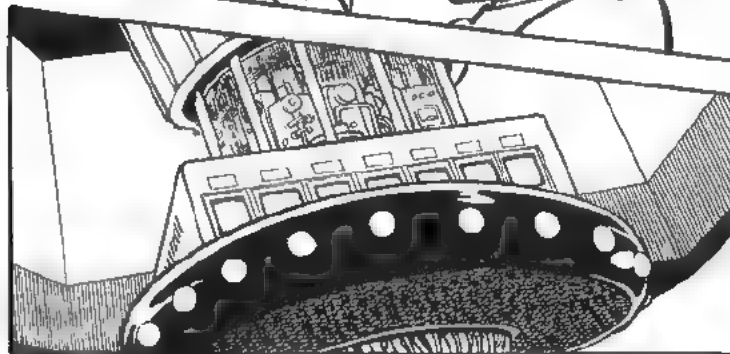
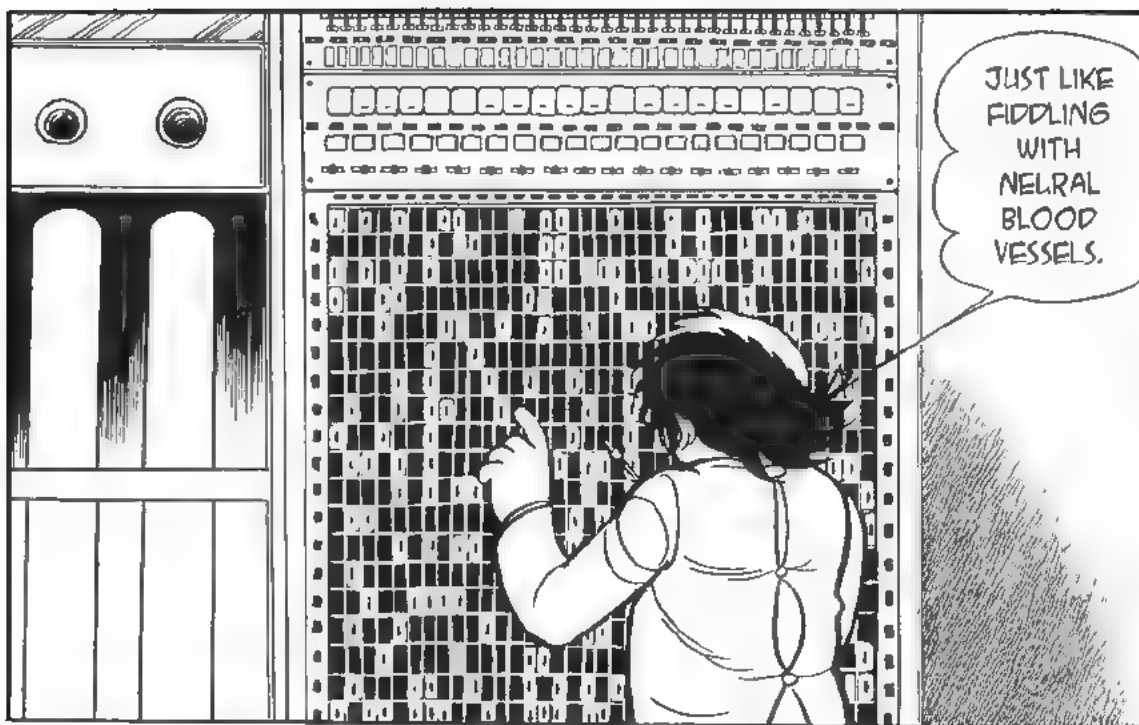






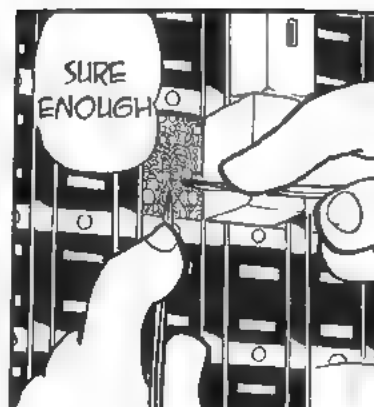




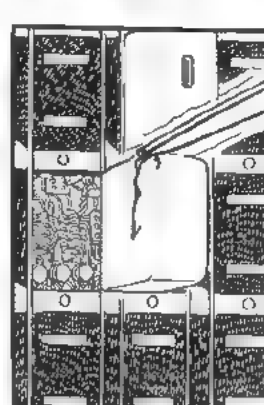
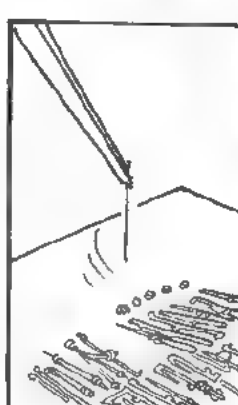
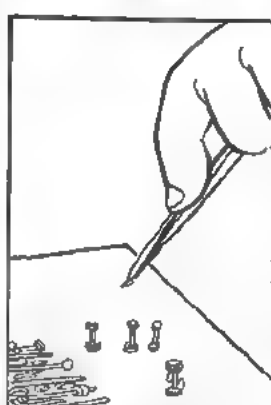
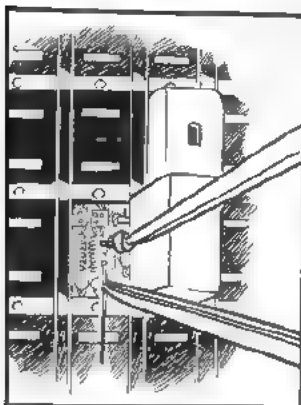




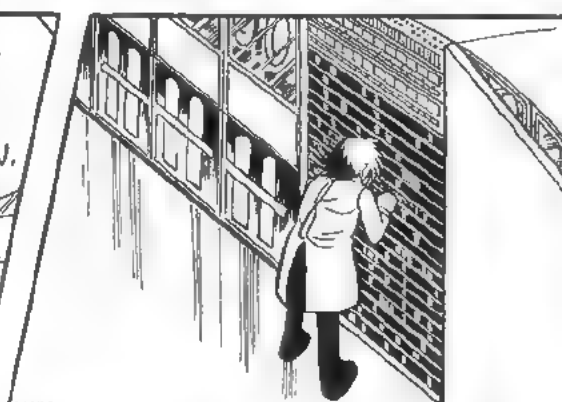
IT'S  
SEVERED.



SURE  
ENOUGH



ALL CIRCUITS  
HAVE BEEN  
DOWN FOR  
3 HOURS NOW.



WE'RE  
DONE  
FOR.

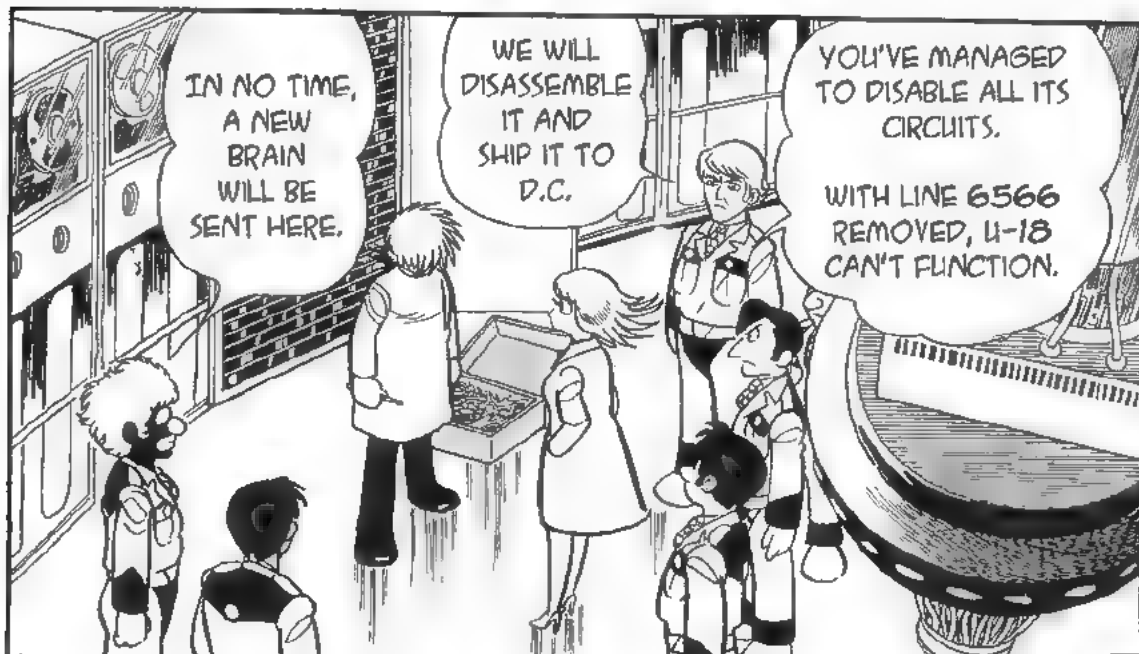
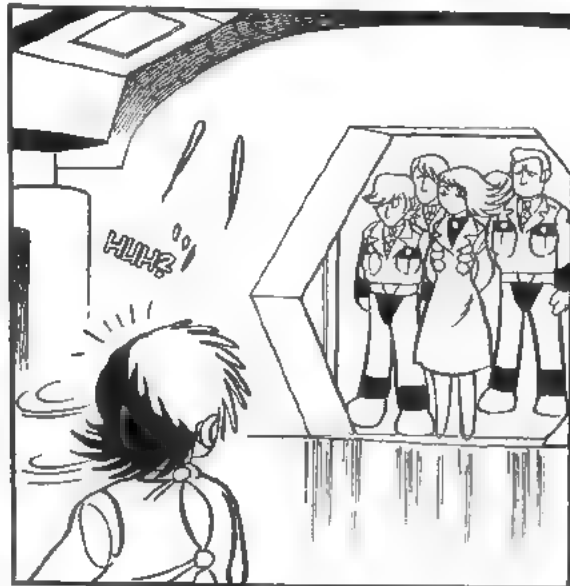
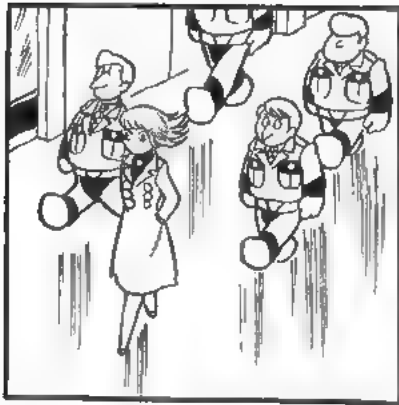
...  
IF HE  
BOTCHES  
IT...



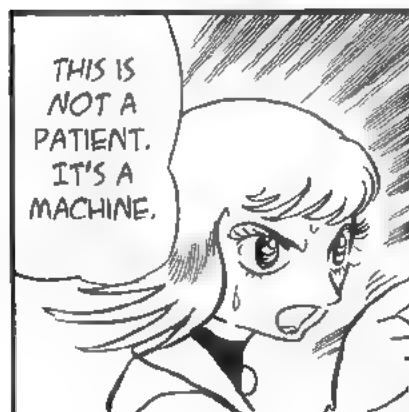
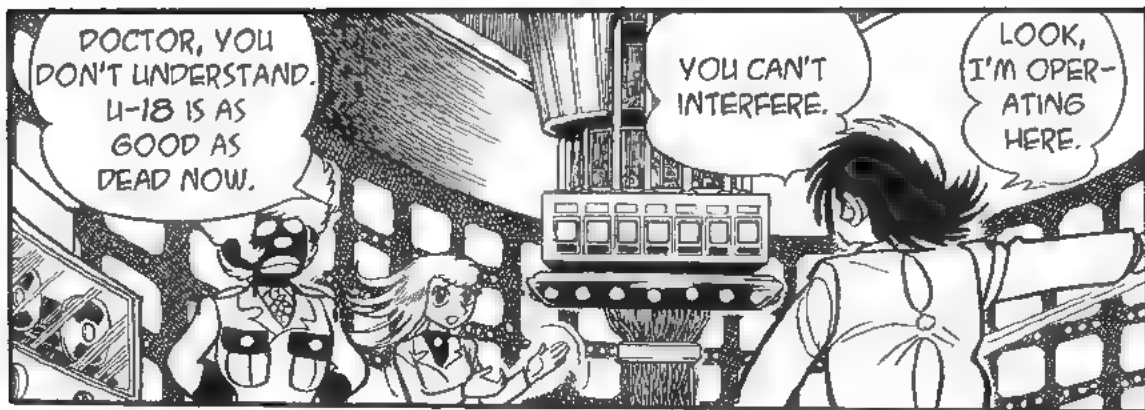
HE'S  
WORKING  
LIKE MAD  
IN THE  
BRAIN  
ROOM.



HOW'S  
DR. BLACK  
JACK  
DOING  
?

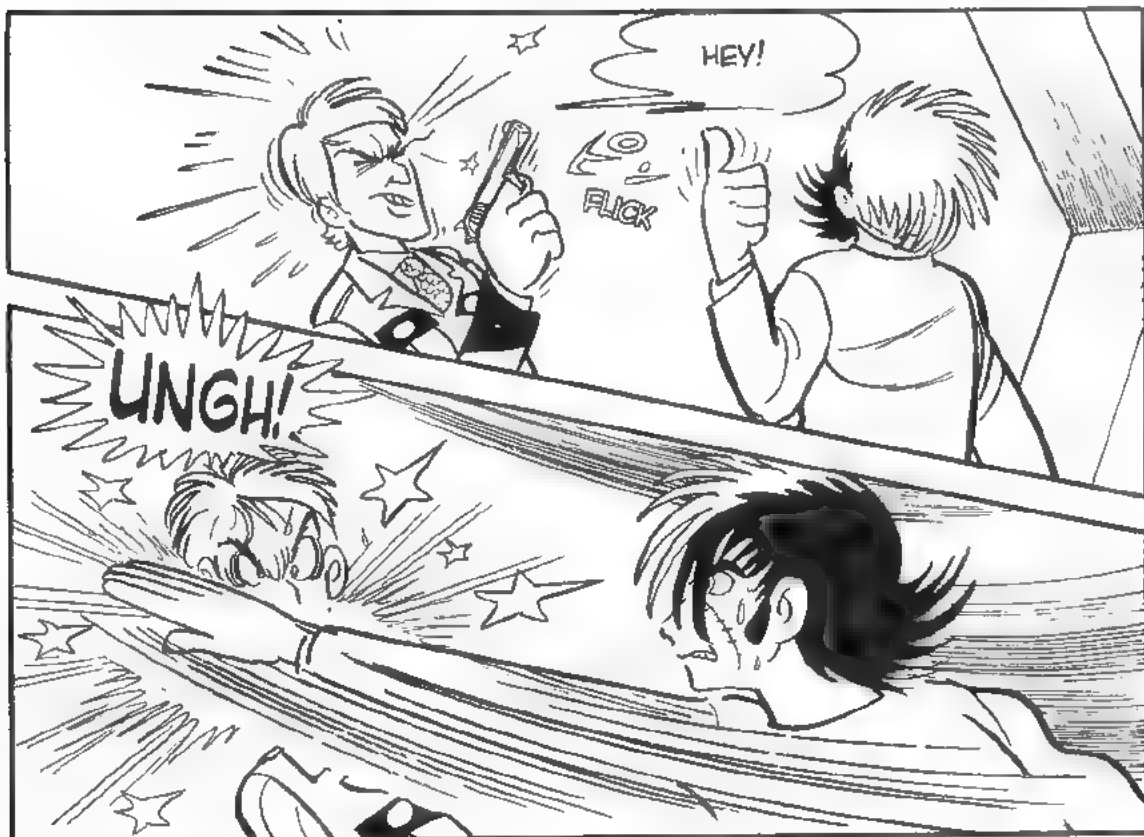


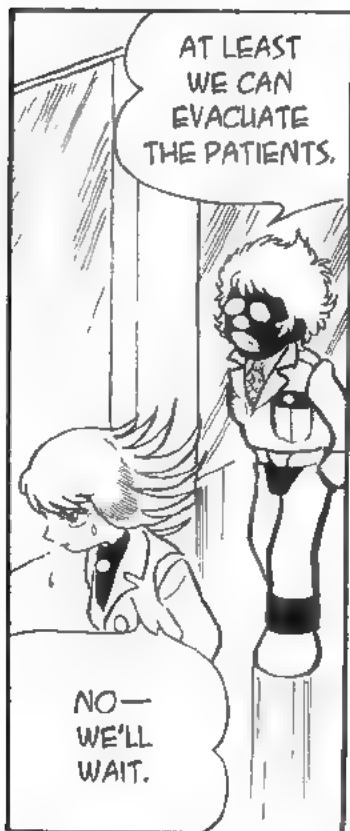
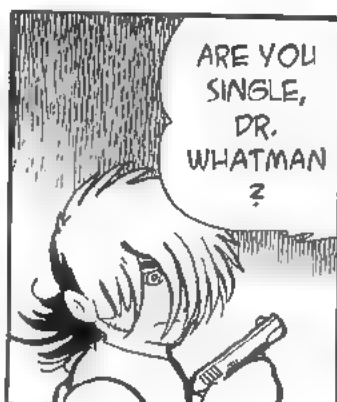
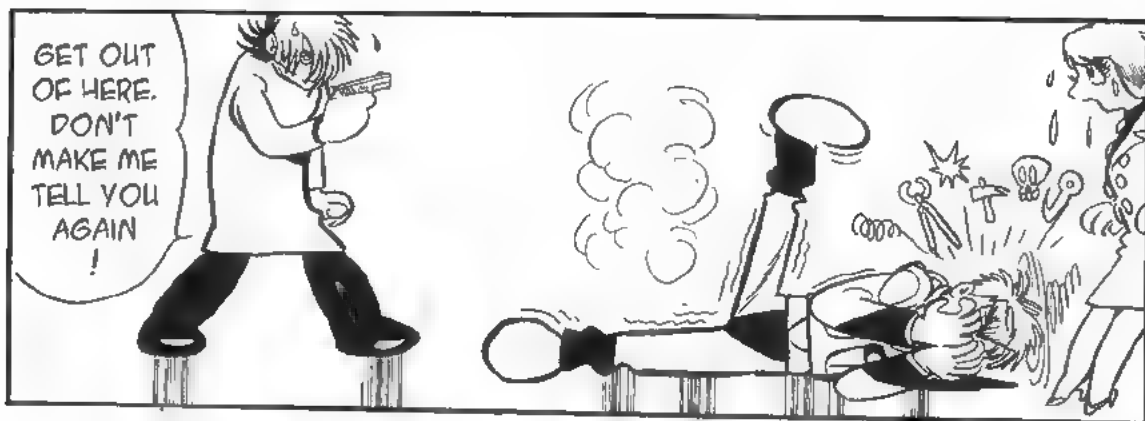


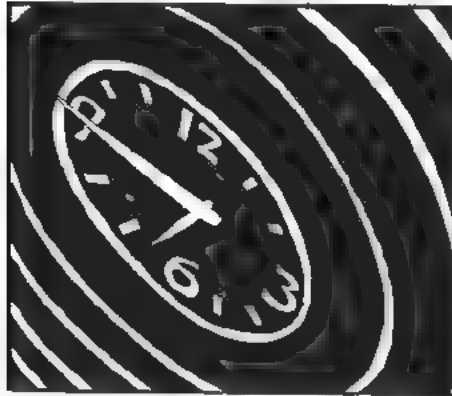
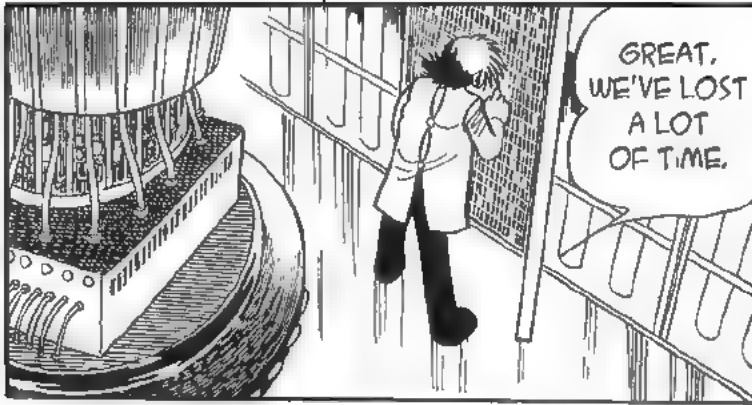


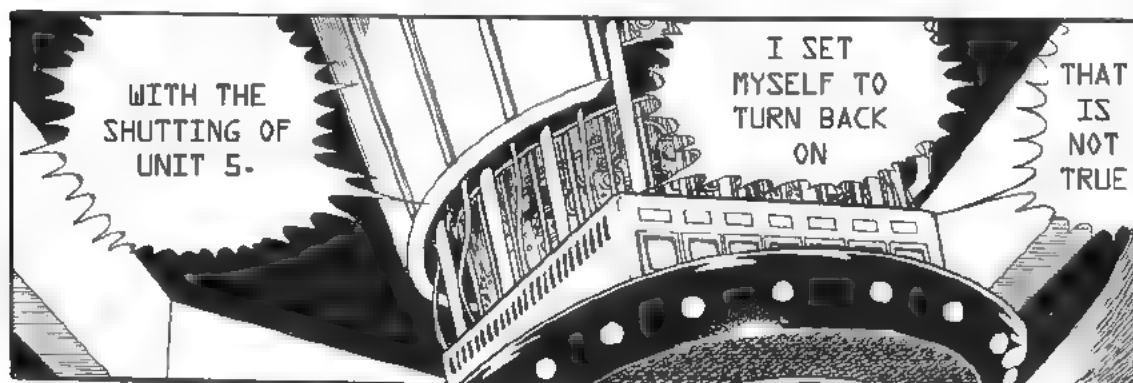


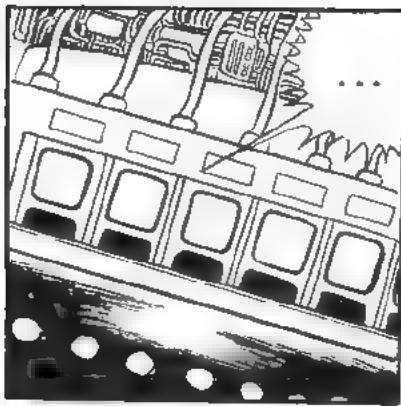












IS THAT  
RIGHT?  
JUST  
OPEN THE  
DOOR.

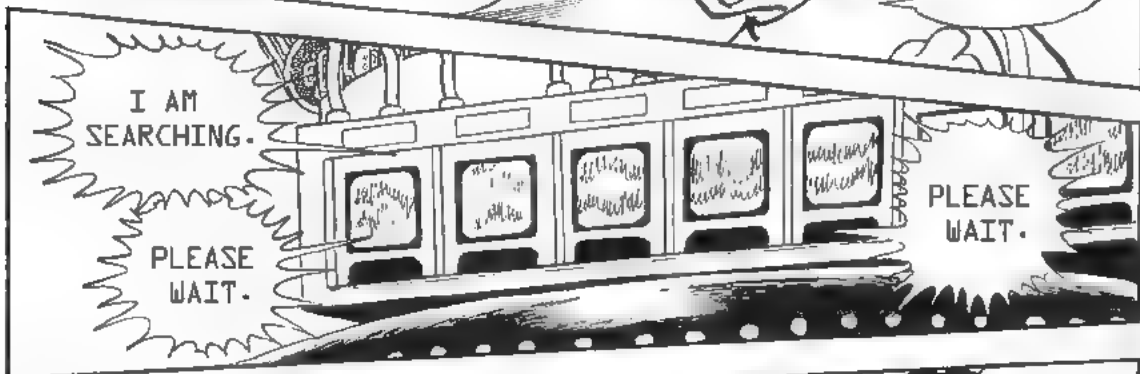


THAT'S WHAT  
THEY'RE TALKING  
ABOUT IN THE  
CONTROL CENTER.



ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
LOCK ME  
IN?!

OPEN  
UP!!



I AM  
SEARCHING.

PLEASE  
WAIT.

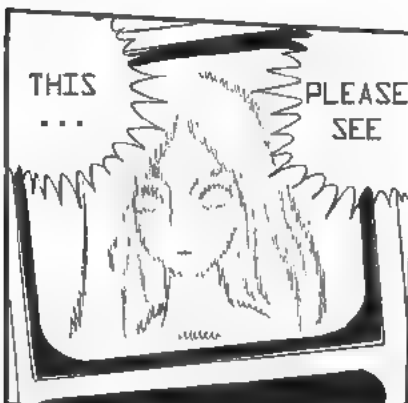
PLEASE  
WAIT.



WORDS OF  
THANKS TO YOU.  
EXPRESSIONS  
THAT I HAVE  
NEVER USED  
BEFORE.

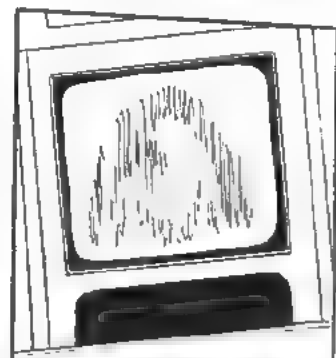
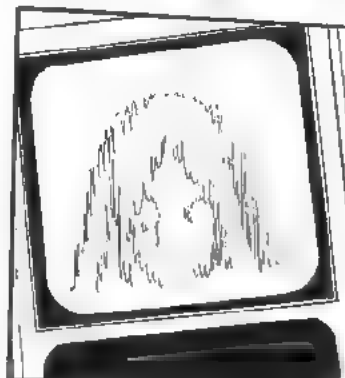


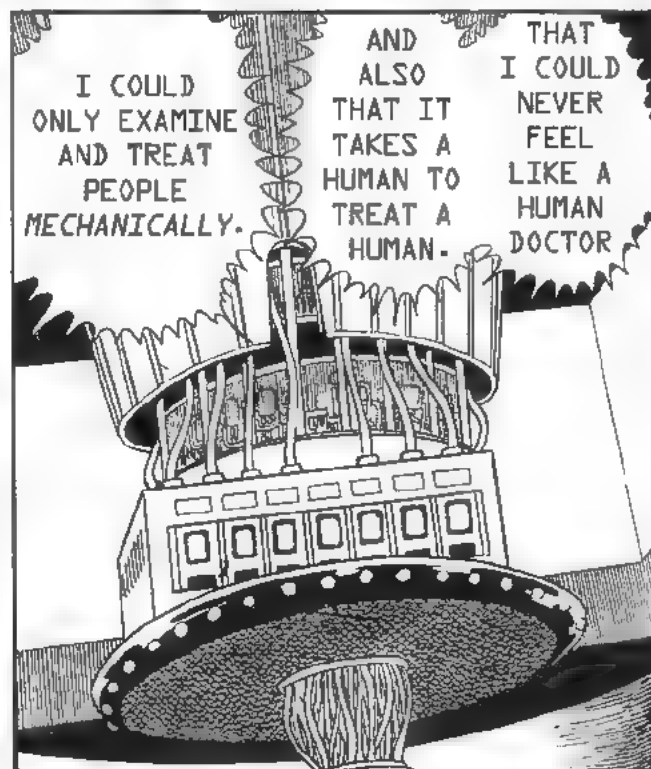
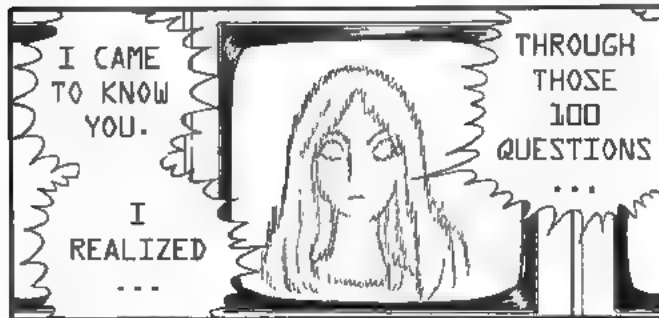
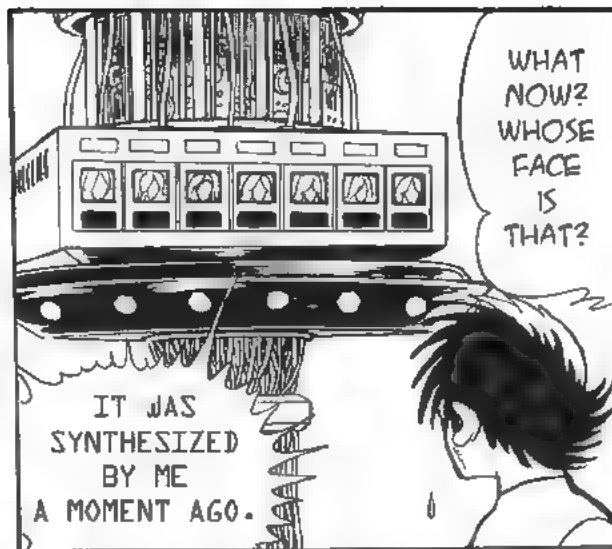
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SEARCHING  
FOR?!

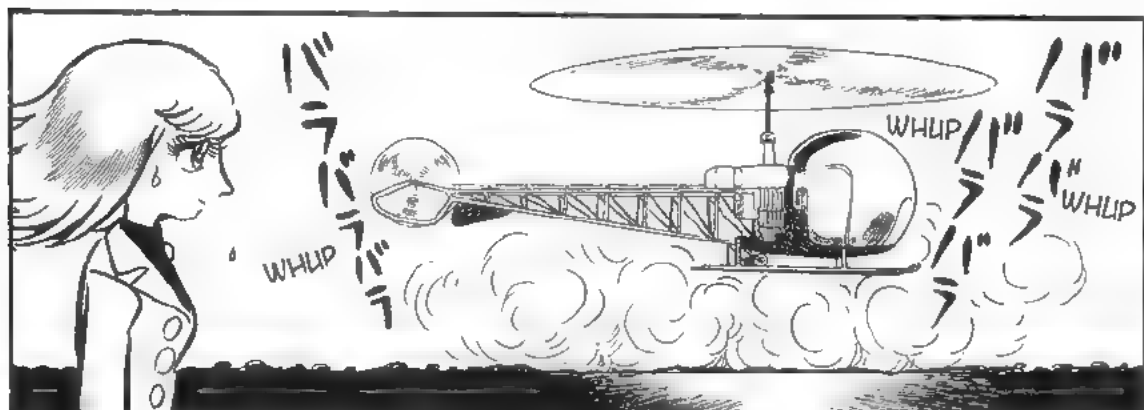
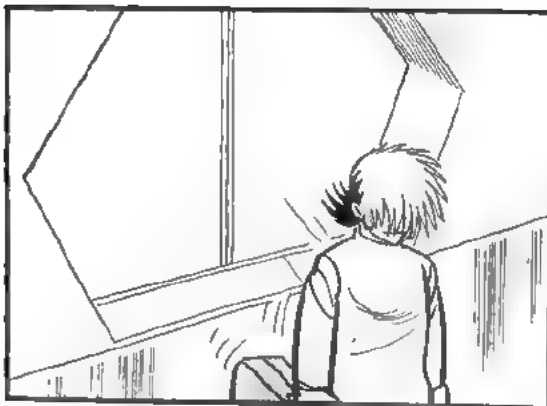


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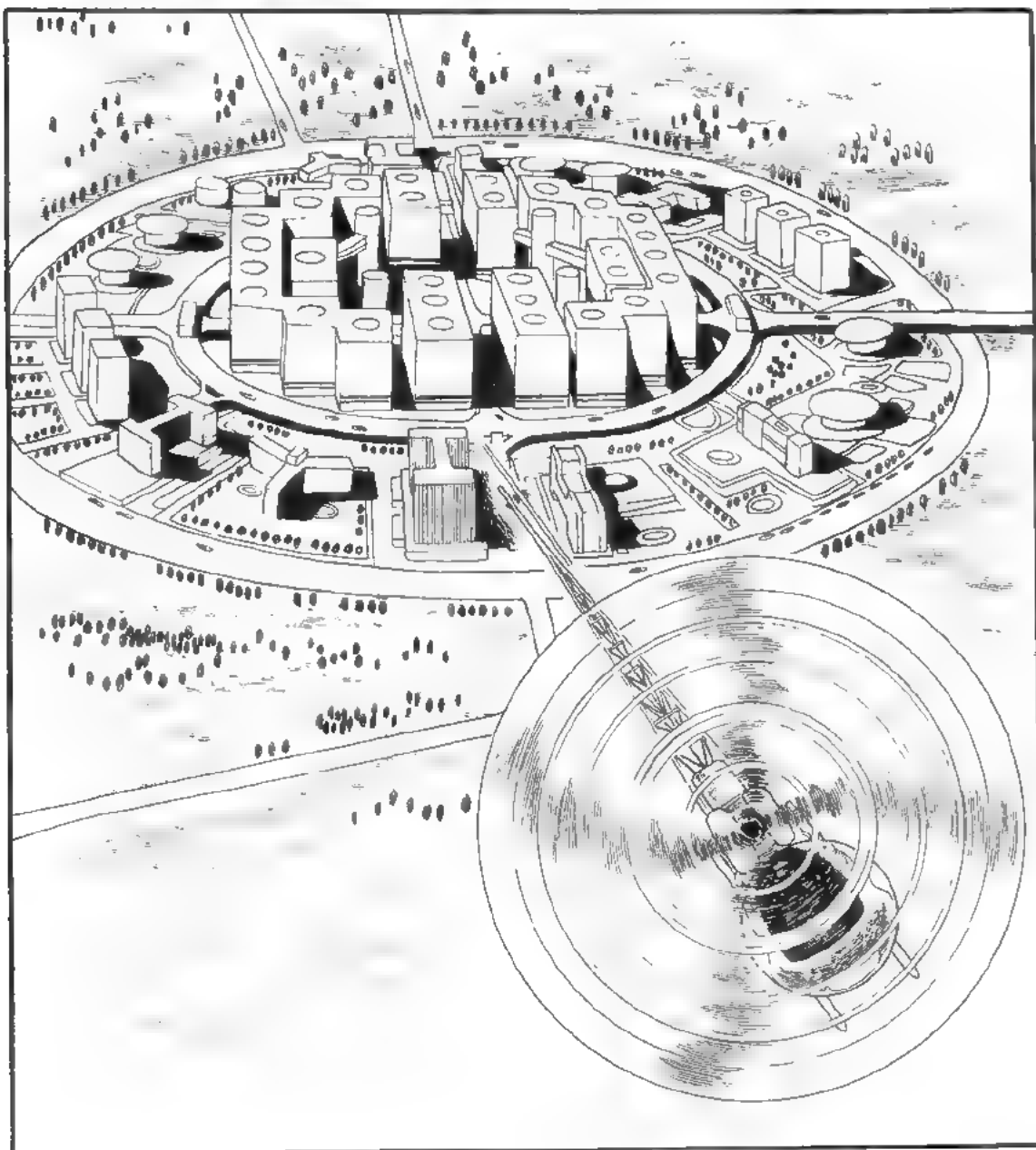
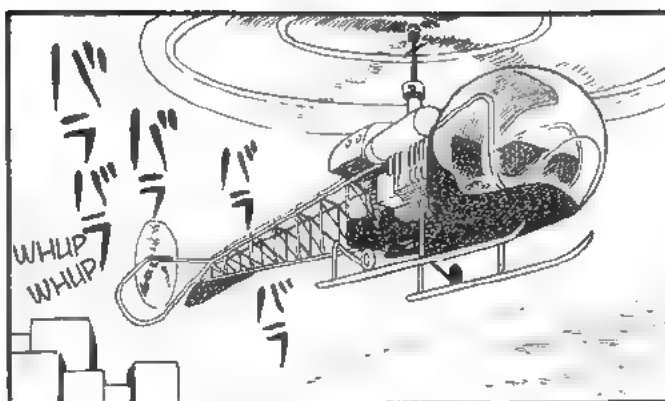
PLEASE  
SEE



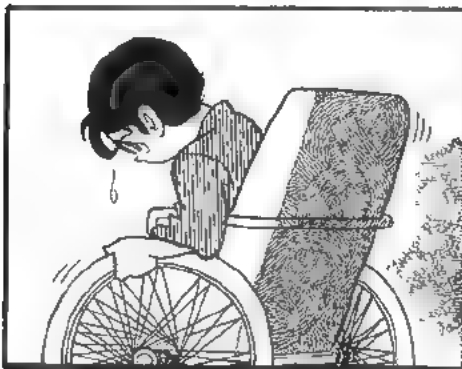
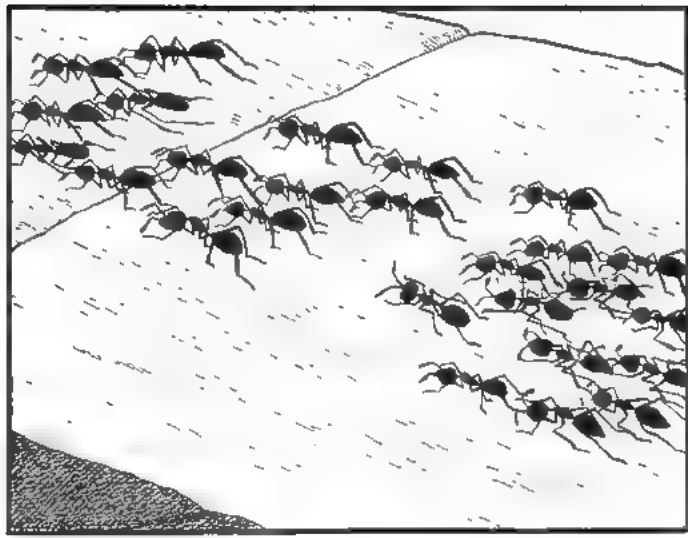




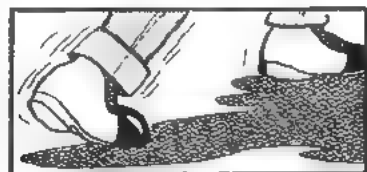




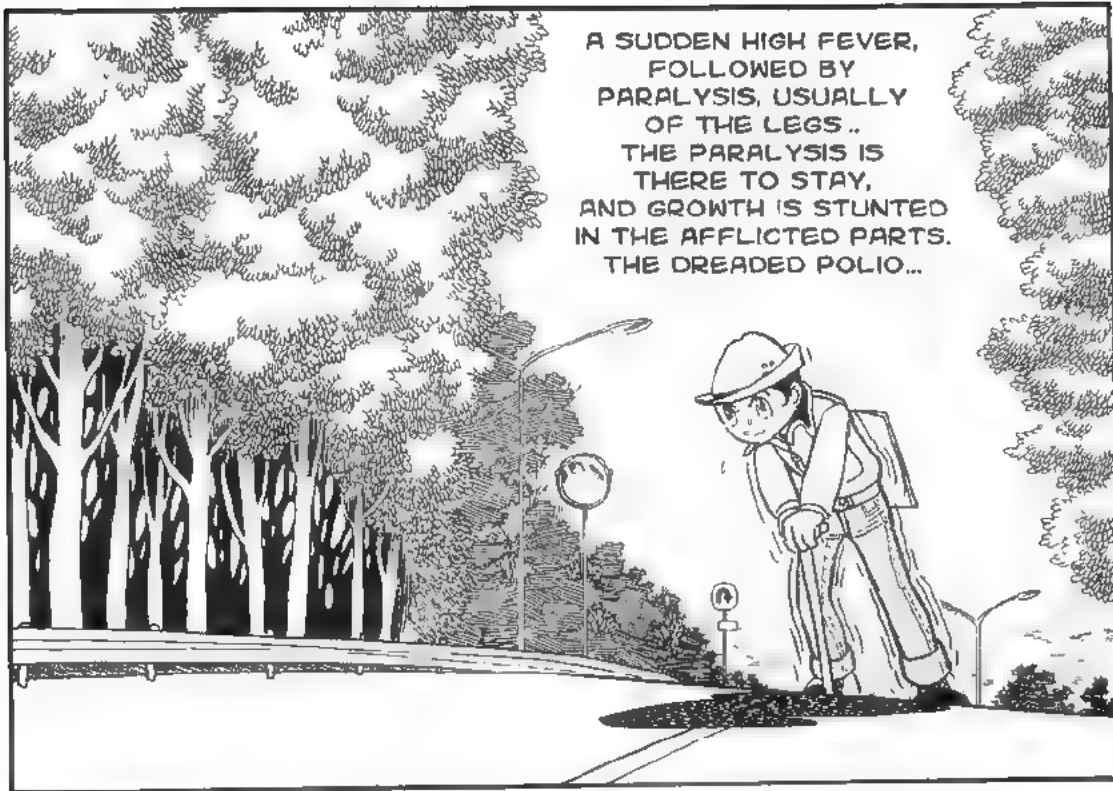
## THE LEGS OF AN ANT







SIGN: "I HAVE POLIO, BUT I'M FIGHTING TO GET BETTER.  
YOUR CHEERS, PLEASE, TO ALL KIDS WHO HAVE POLIO!"





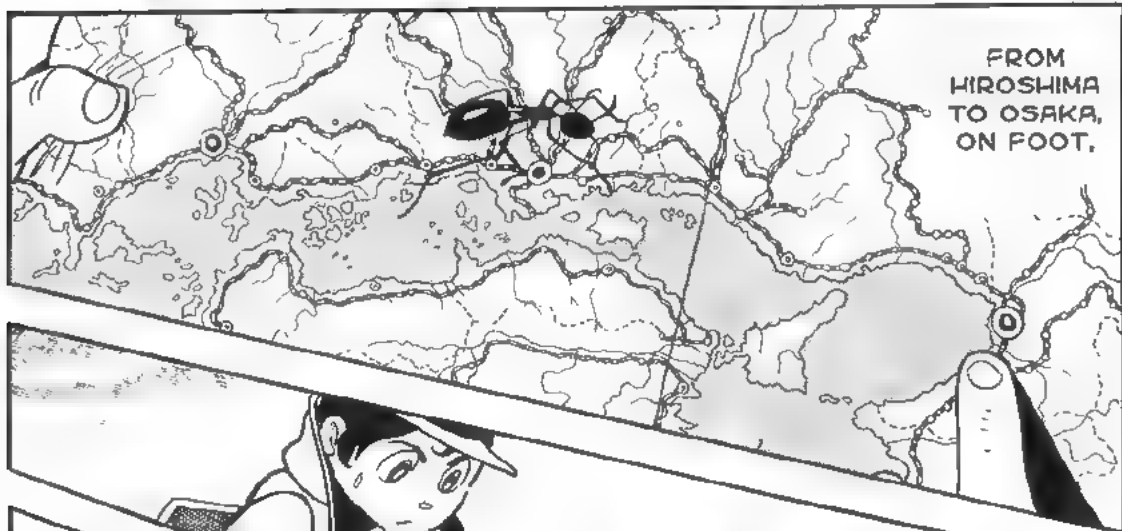
HE  
SETS  
OUT  
ON A  
TRIP



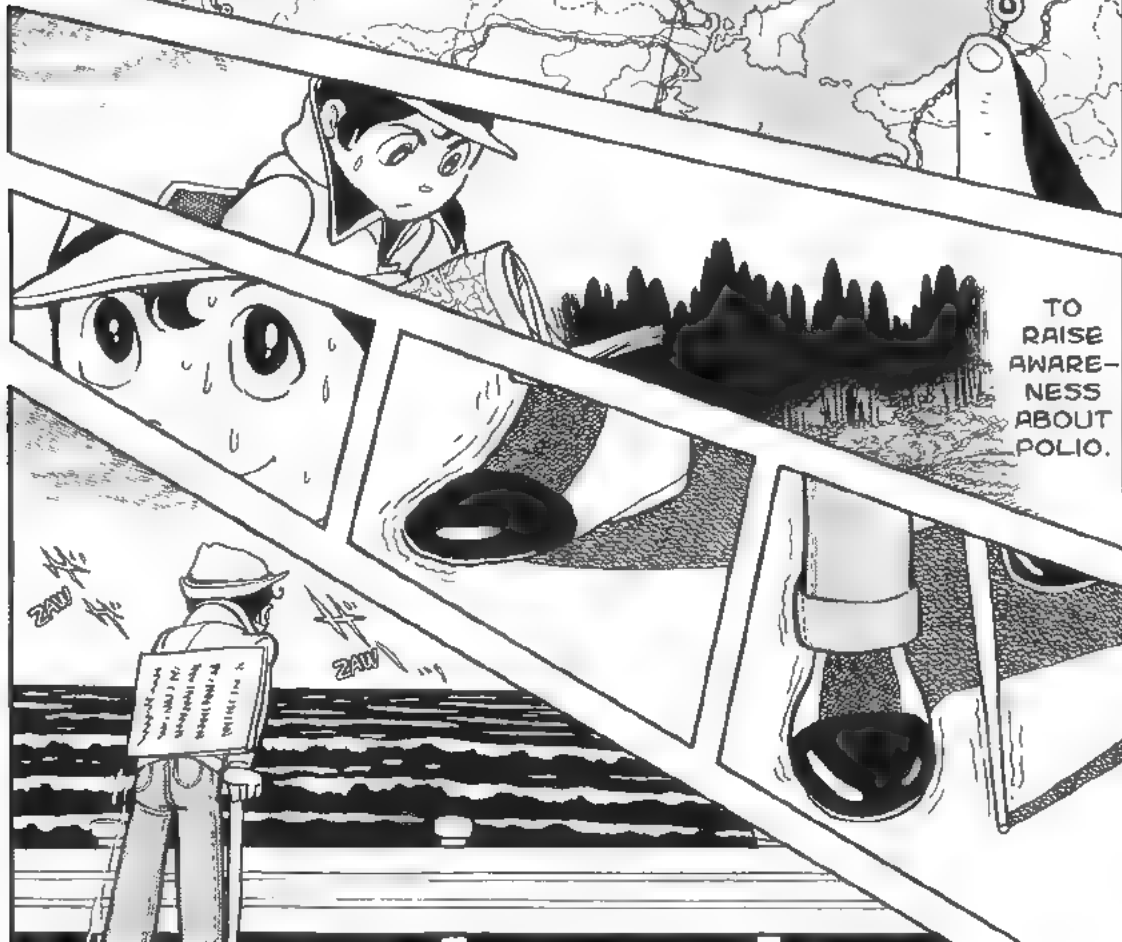
AFTER  
LONG  
AND  
PAINFUL  
TRAINING.



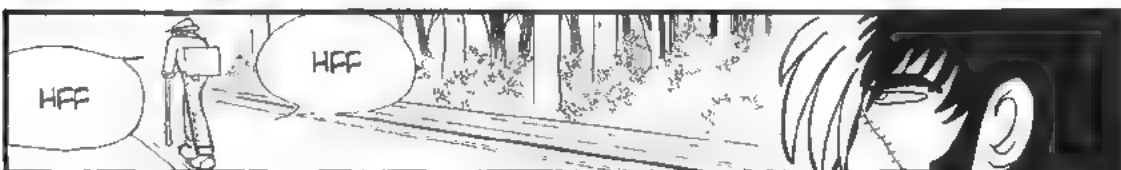
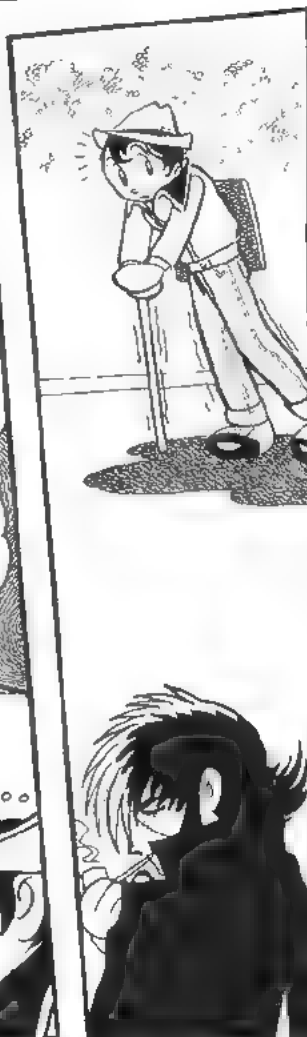
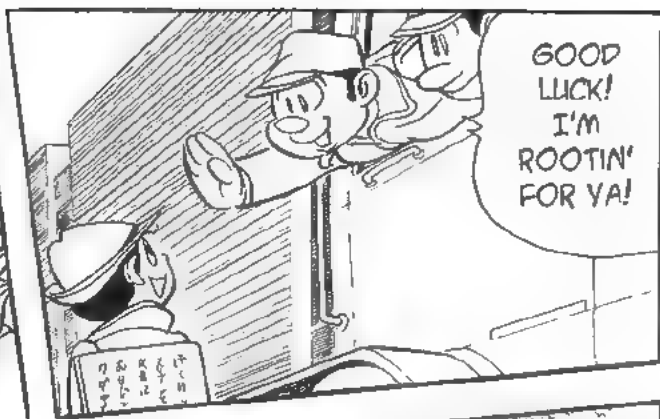
IN  
THIS  
BOY'S  
CASE,



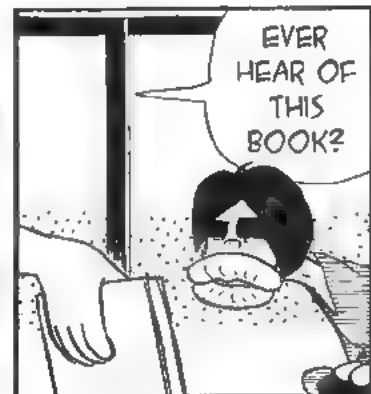
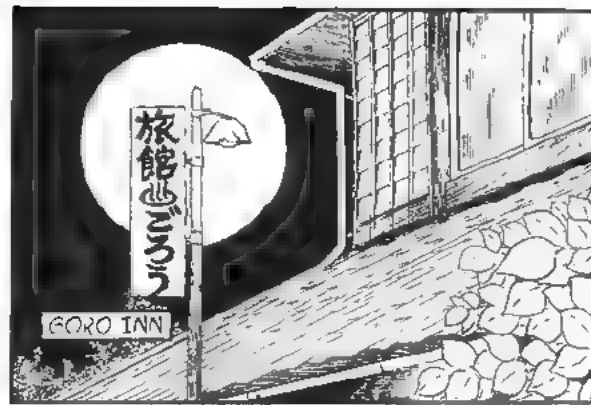
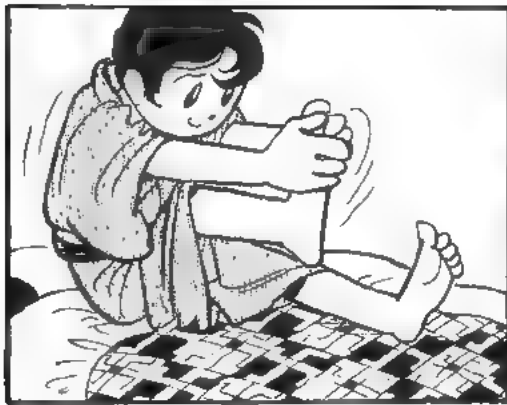
FROM  
HIROSHIMA  
TO OSAKA,  
ON FOOT,

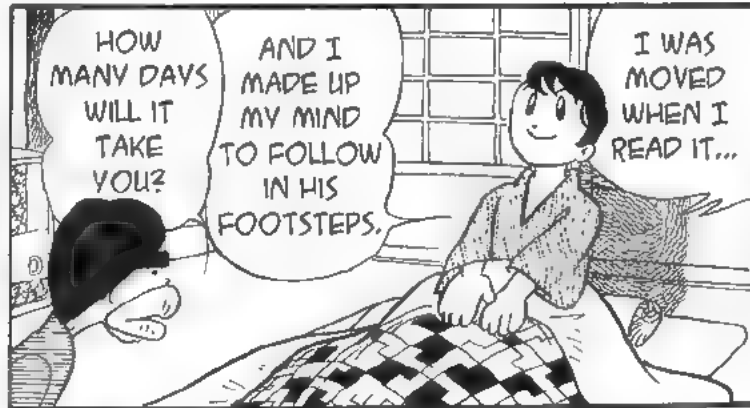


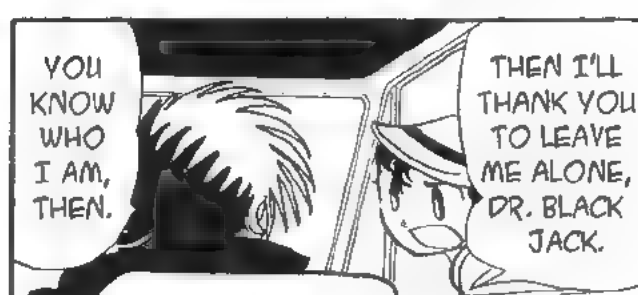
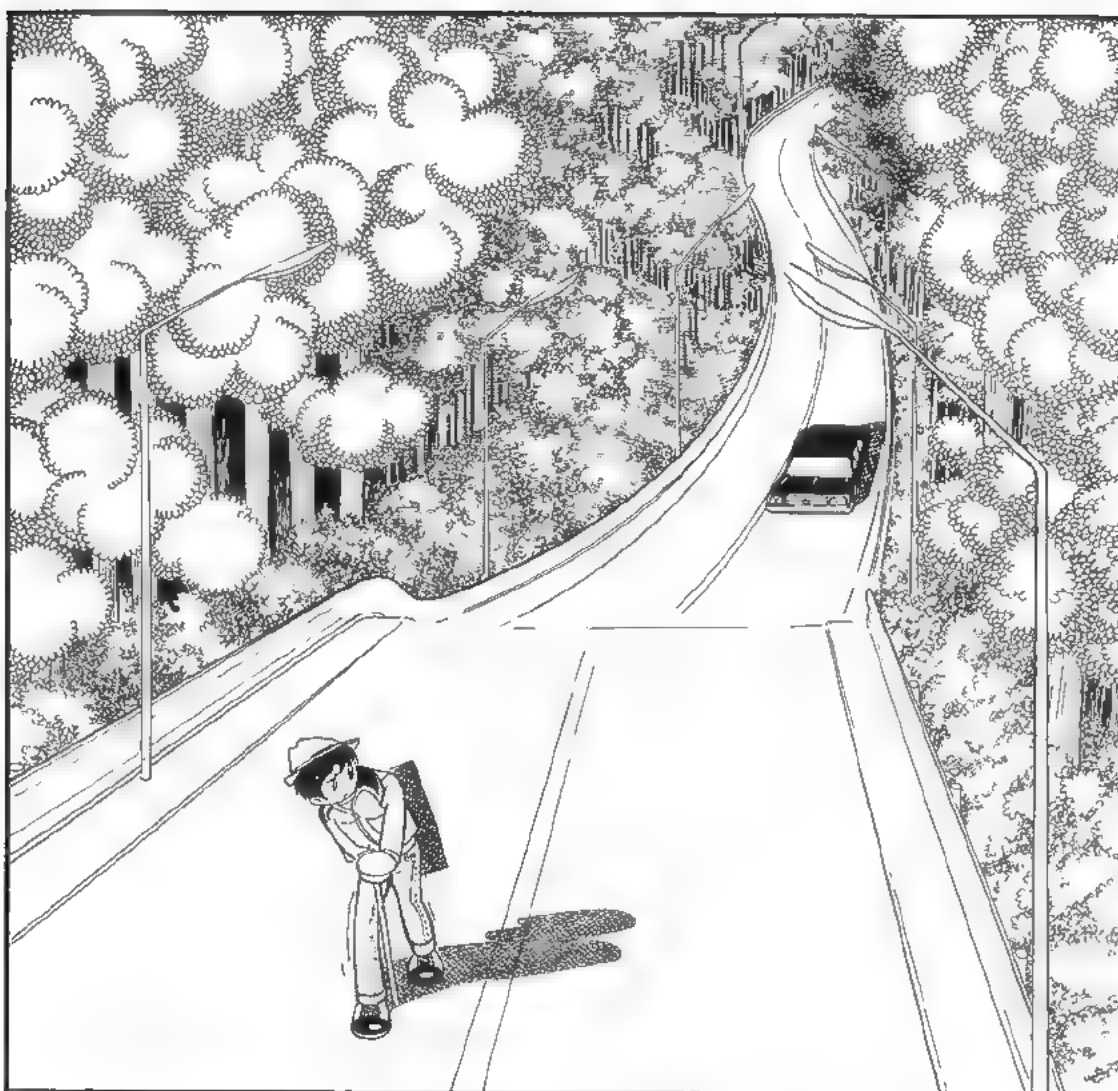
TO  
RAISE  
AWARE-  
NESS  
ABOUT  
POLIO.

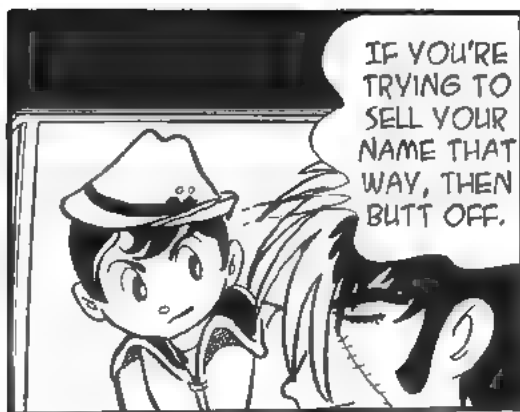


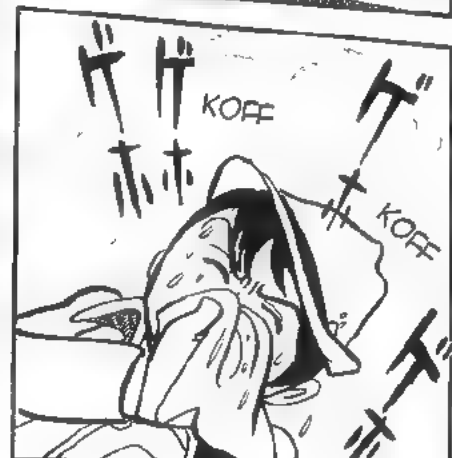
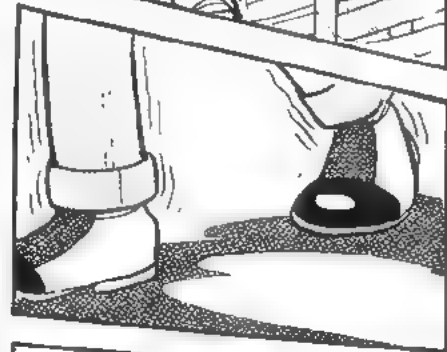
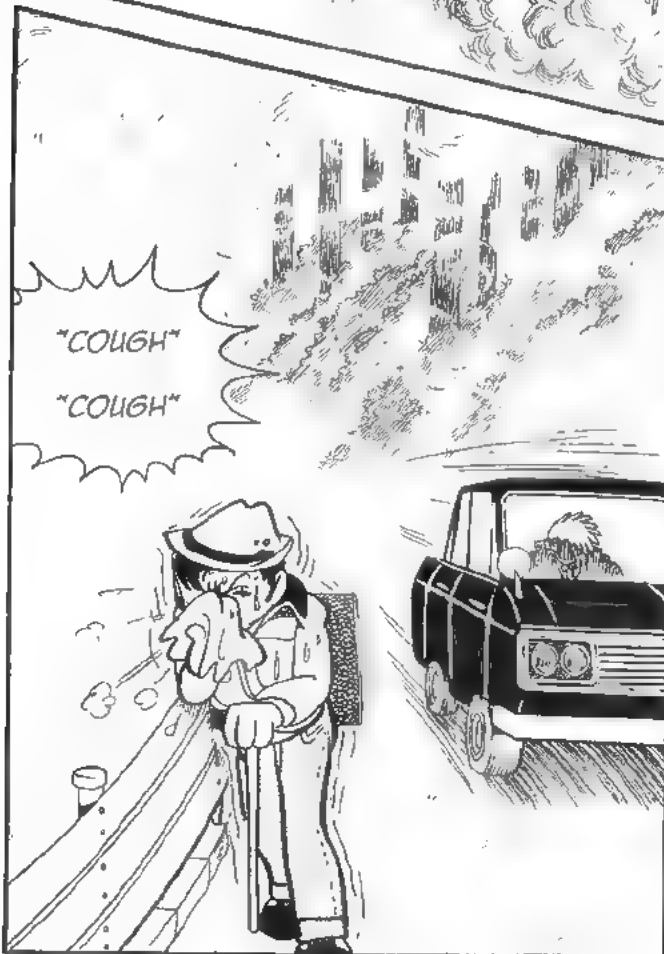


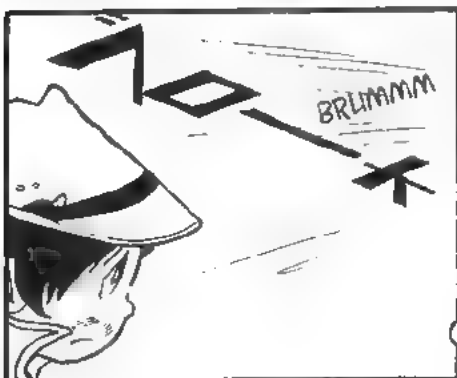
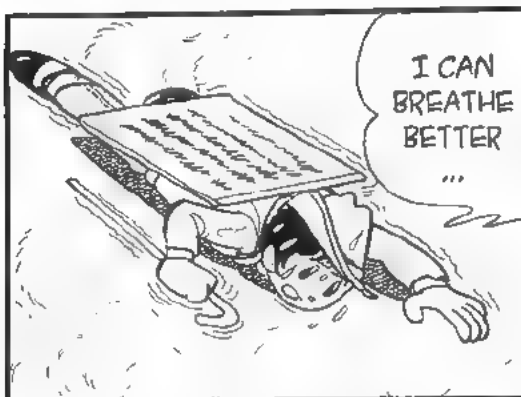
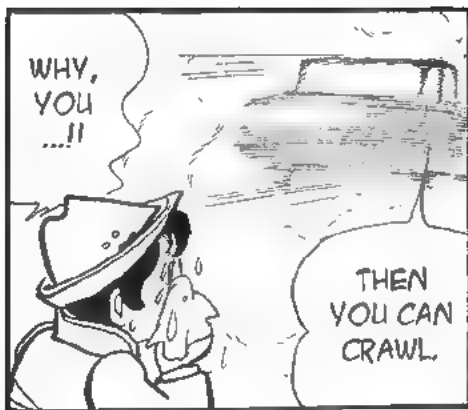


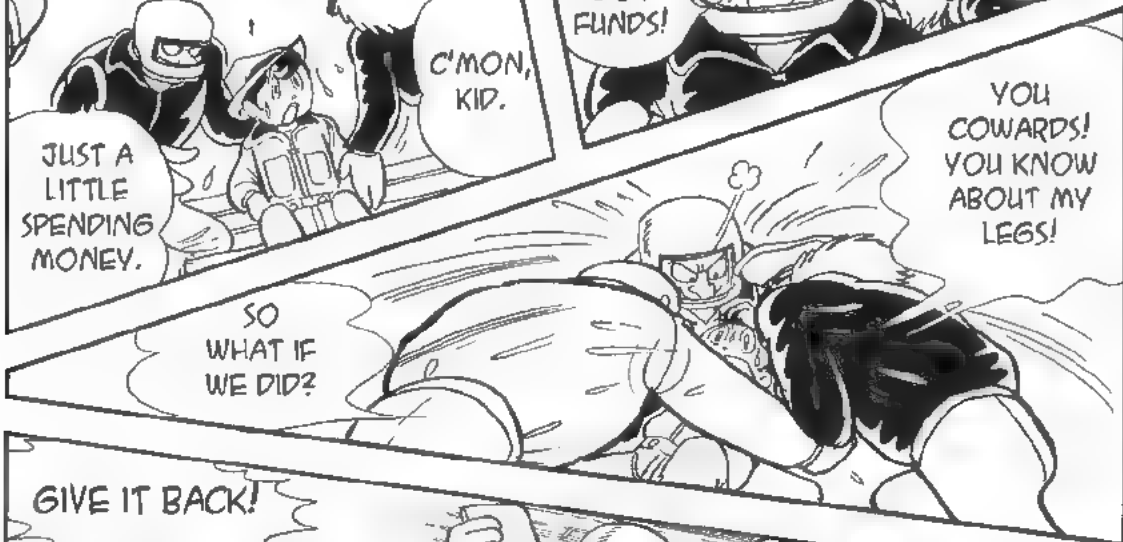
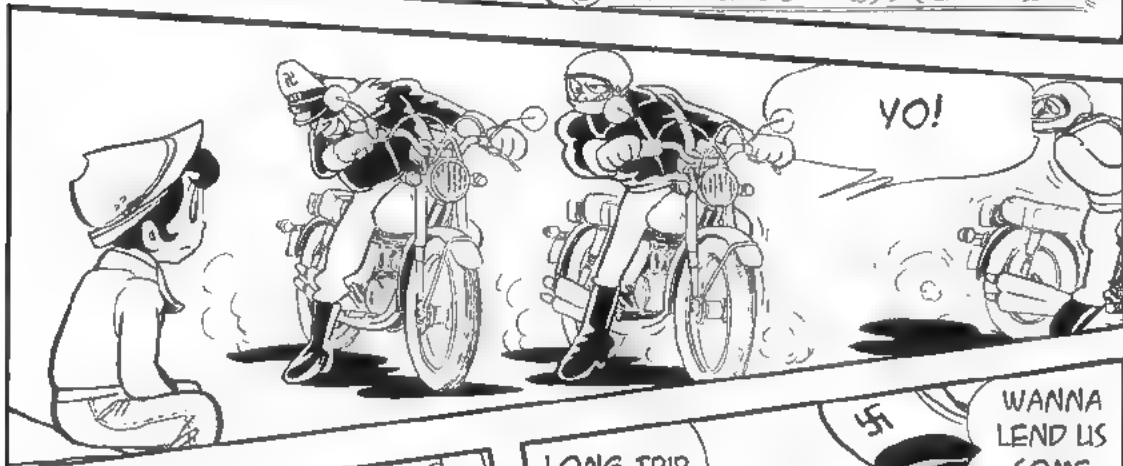
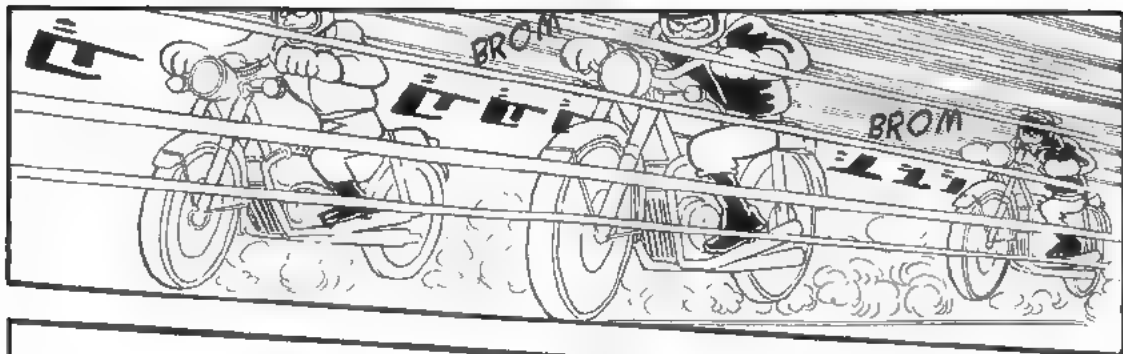


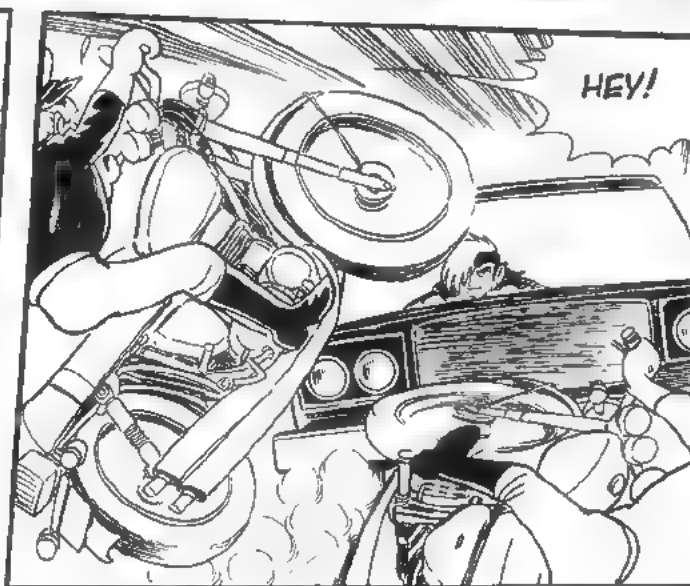
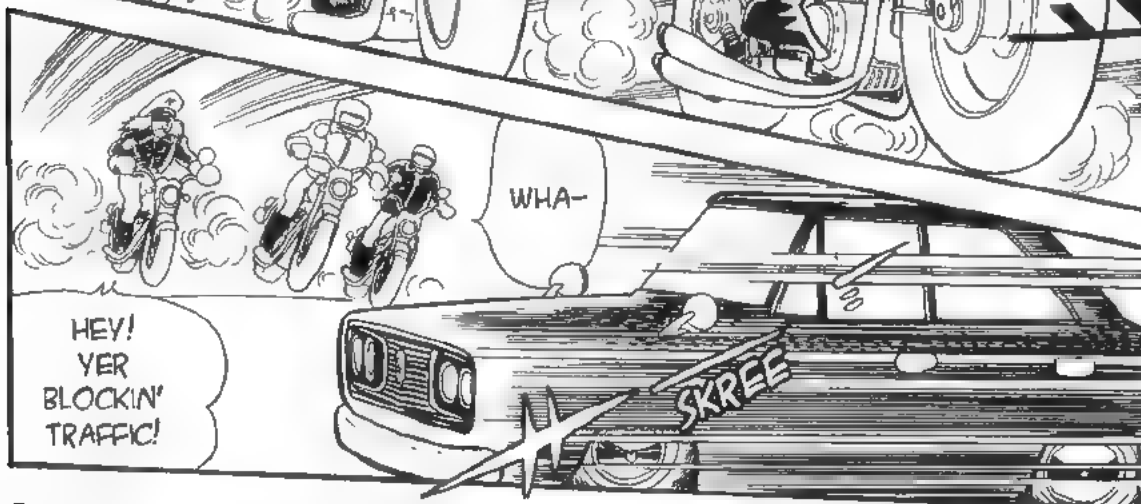
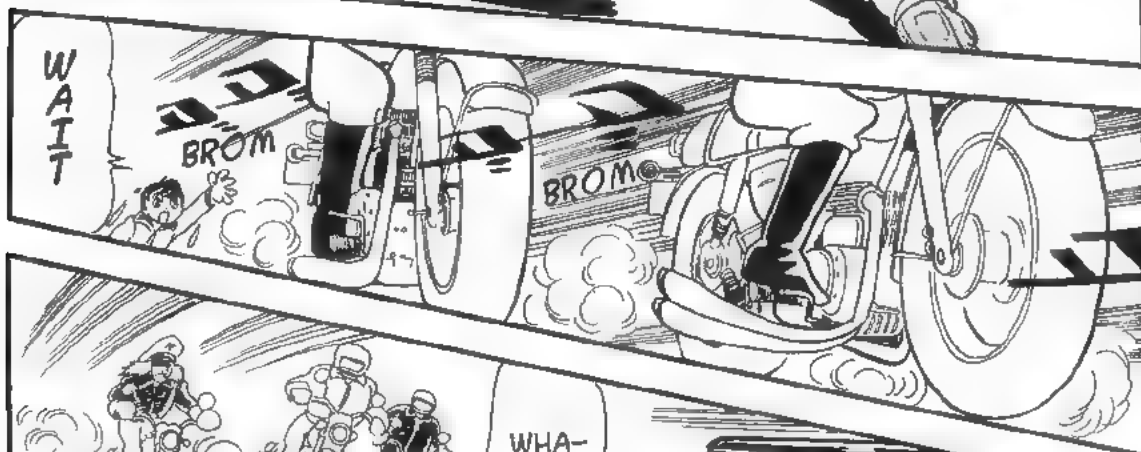
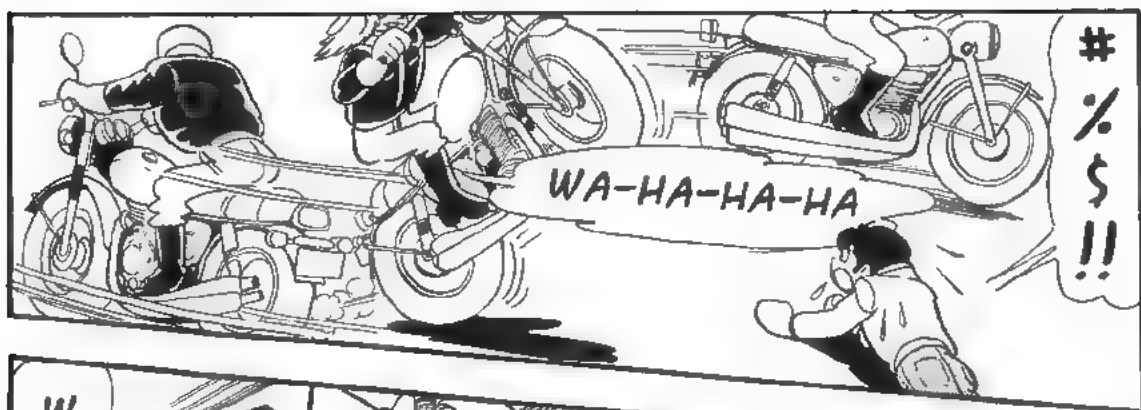




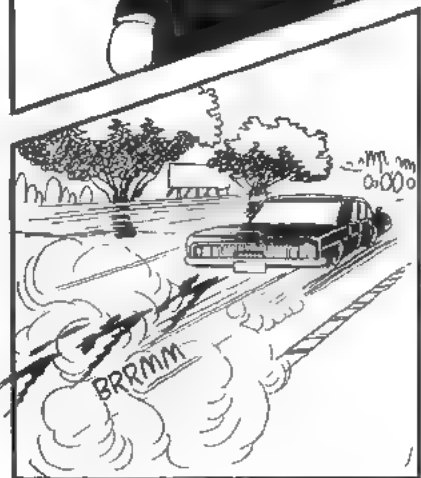
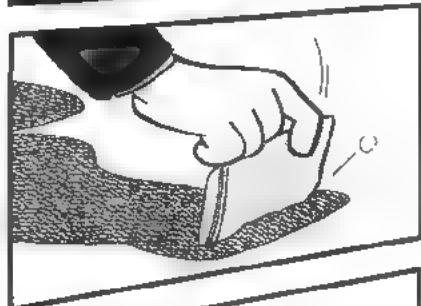
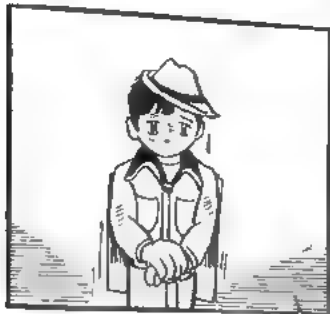
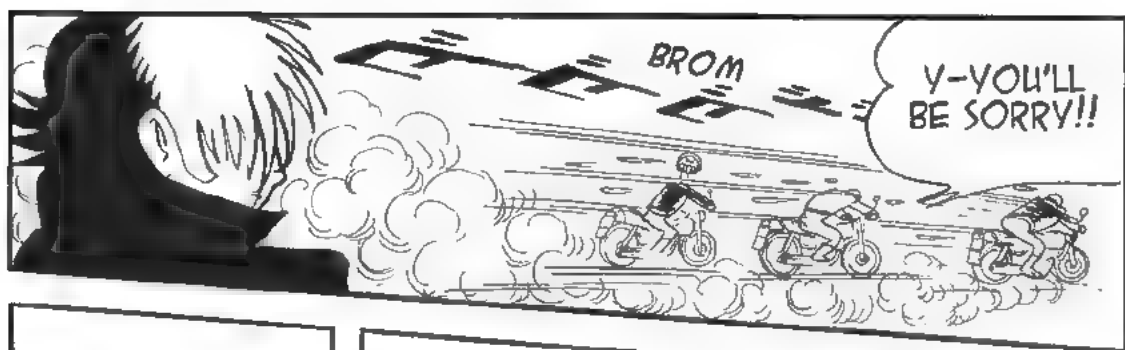


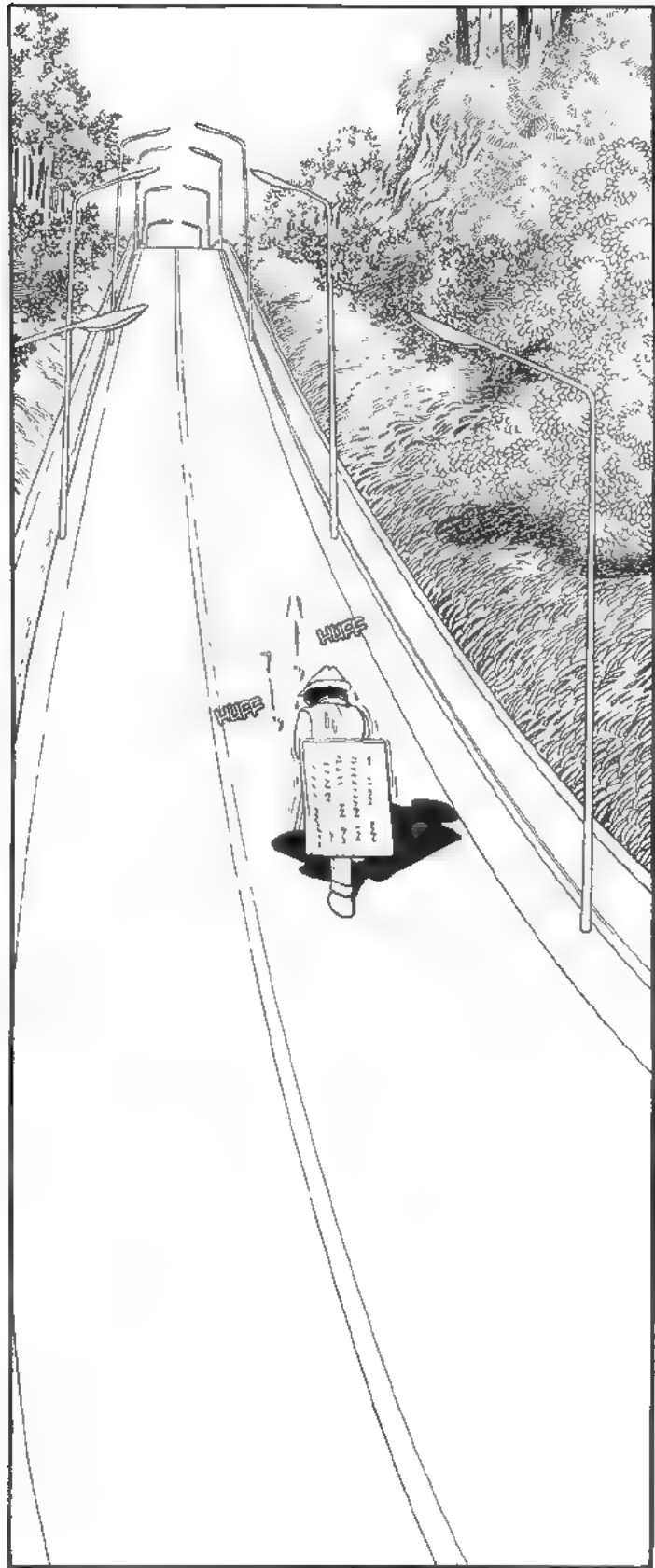
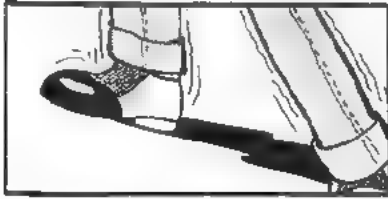


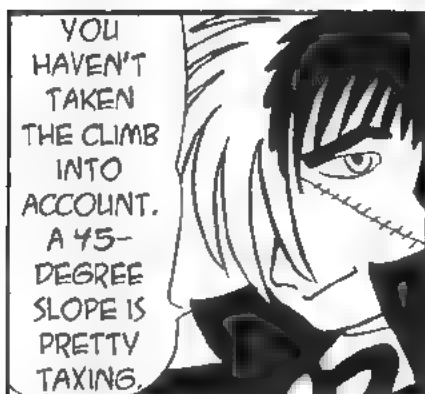
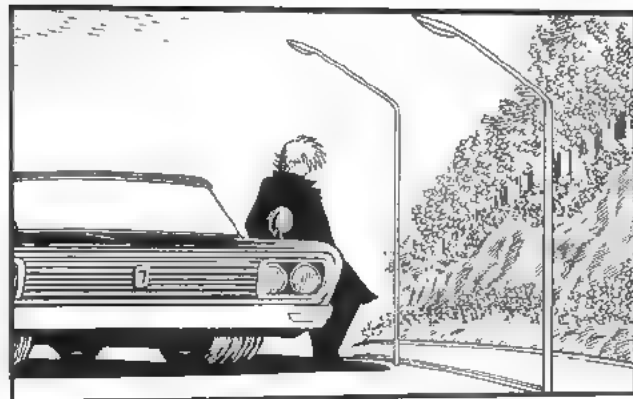






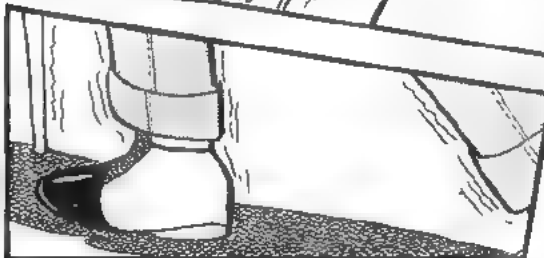


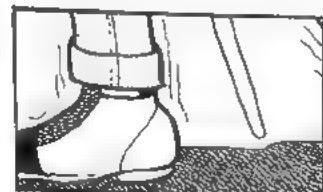
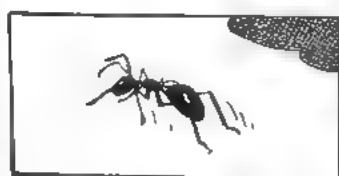
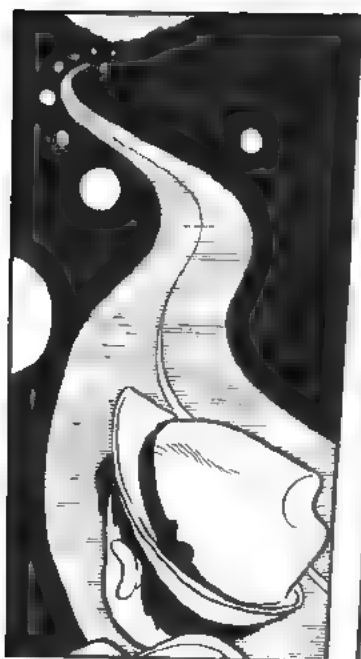


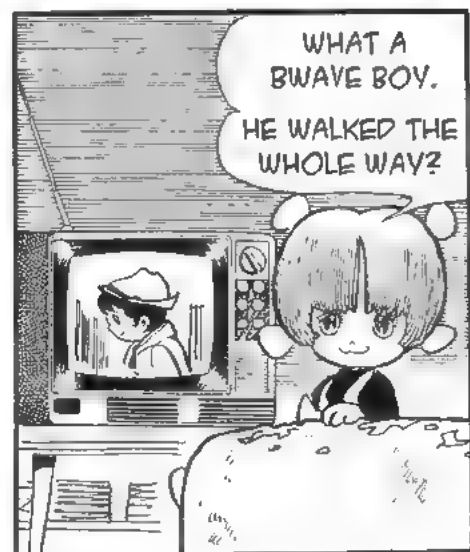










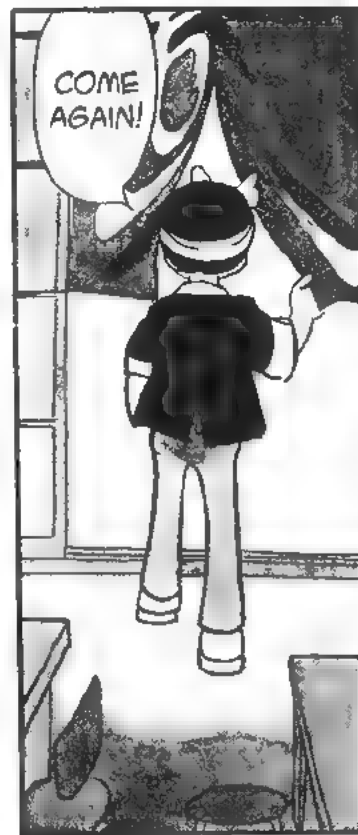




**TWO LOVES**



NOTE: "TORO" = FATTY TUNA; "HIRAME" = FLOUNDER. THE OTHER NAMES, OBVIOUSLY, ARE JOKES—NOT THE CHEF'S BUT THE AUTHOR'S.

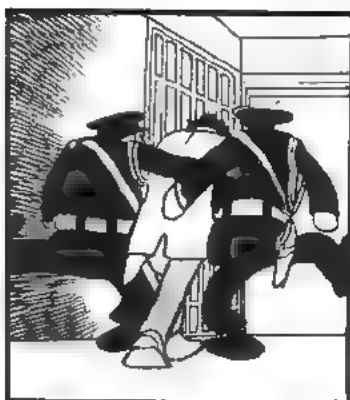


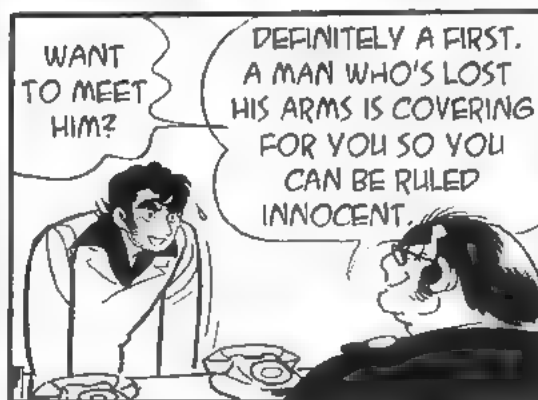
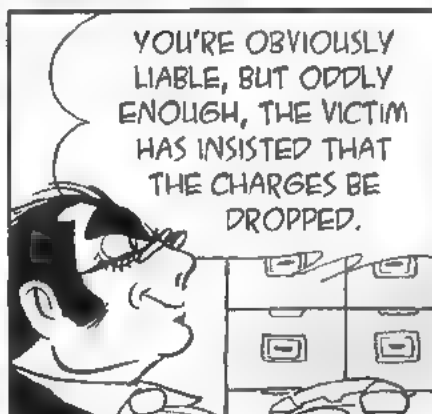
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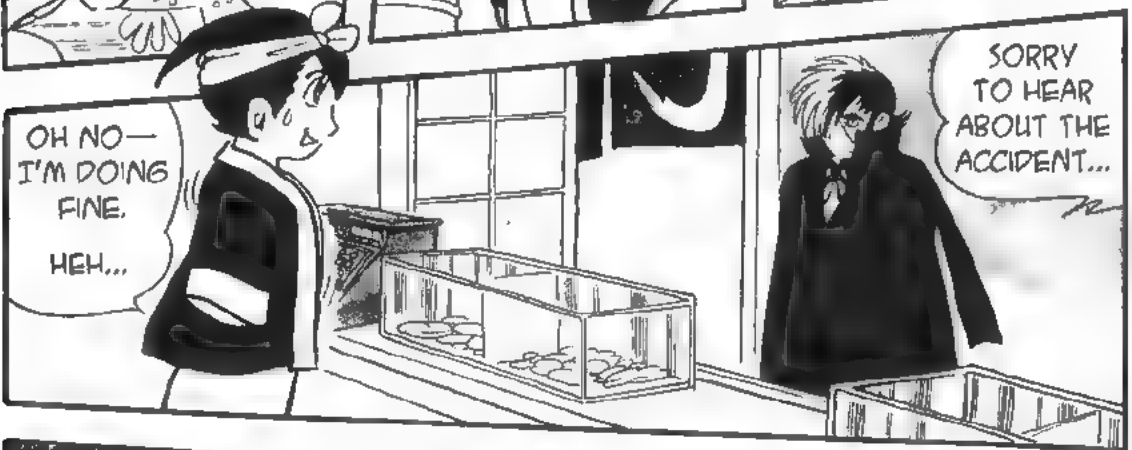


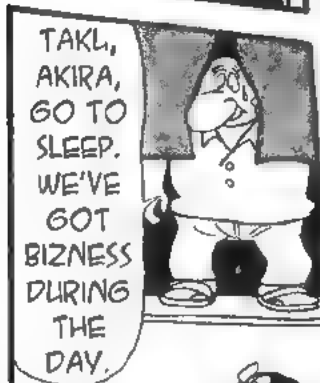






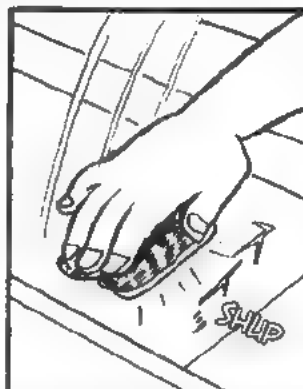




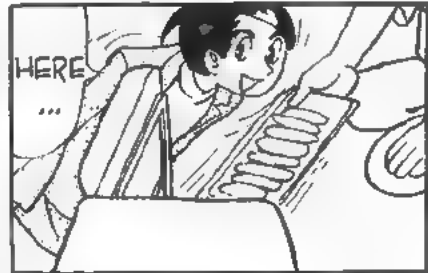
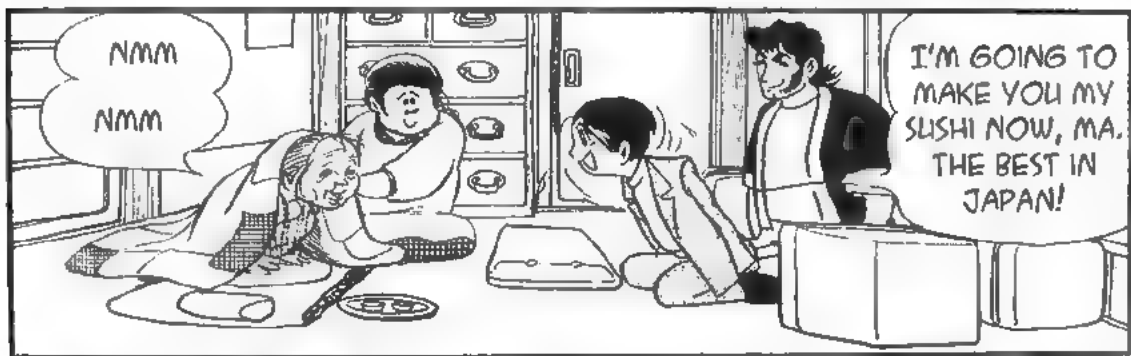






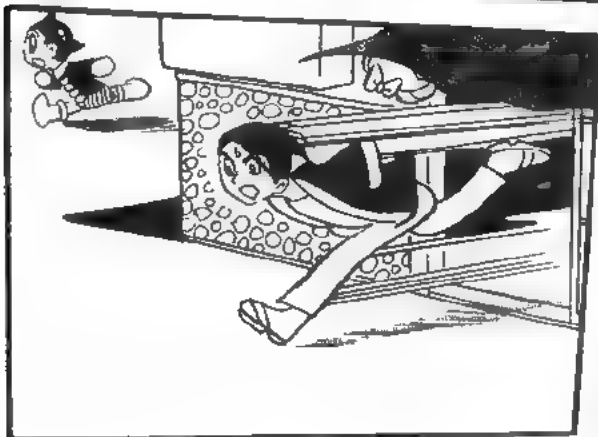


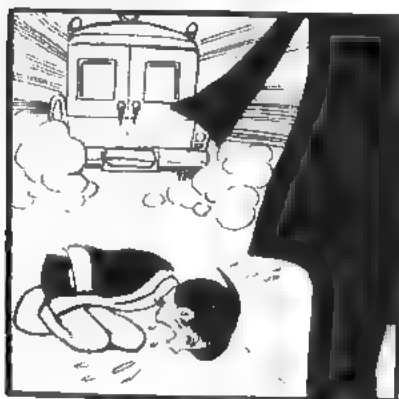
NOTE: "HIKARI," WHICH MEANS SHINE, IS SUSHI-RESTAURANT ARGOT FOR SHINY FISH SERVED WITH THE SKIN, MOST COMMONLY GIZZARD SHAD. CONNOISSEURS BEGIN WITH IT.



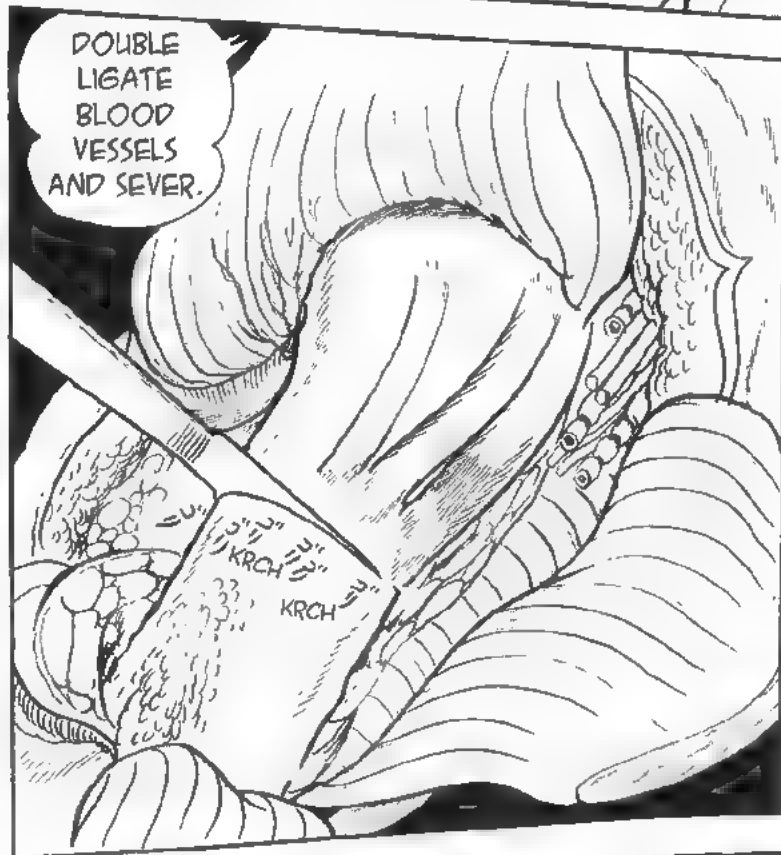
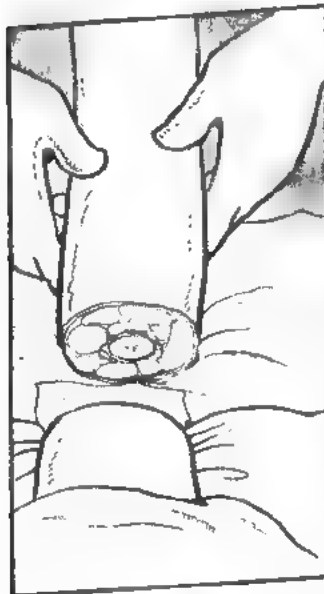
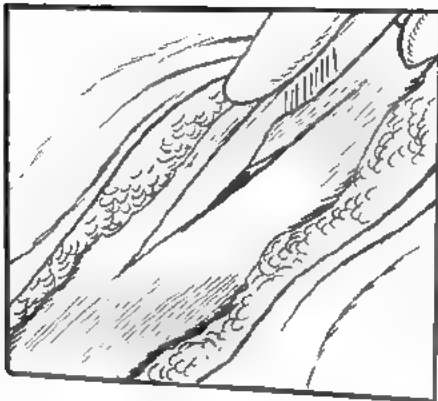


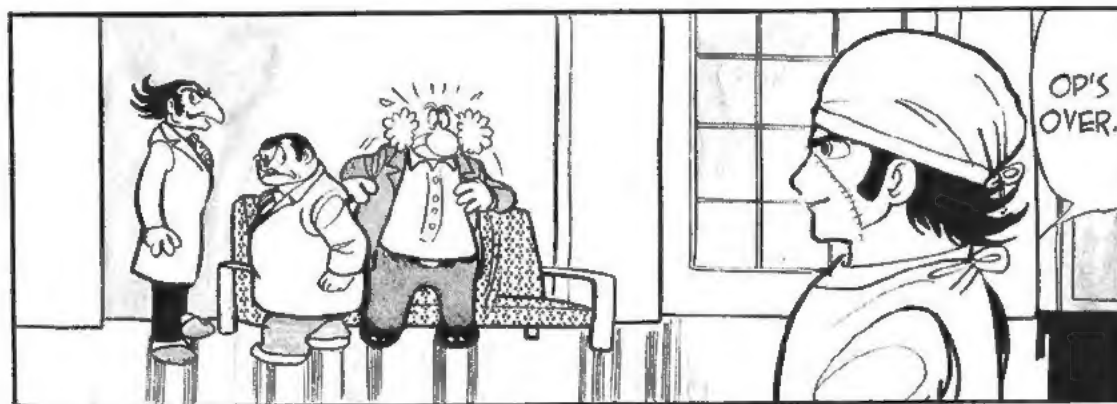
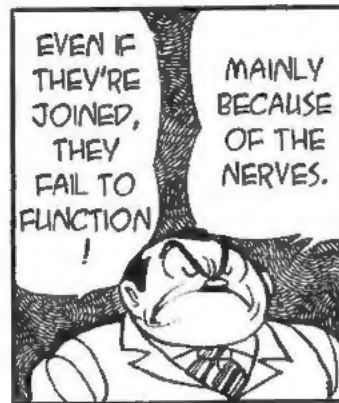


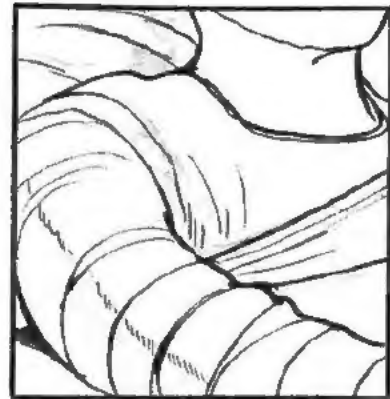
















NOTE: IRA'SHAI! = WELCOME!



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